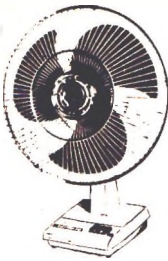


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GATES TO STAY IN MORT ST Petitioners win by default

The Mort Street residents and their supporters won a overwhelming victory at the Leichhardt Council meeting on Tuesday night when their petition to retain the gates in Mort Street, was unanimously supported by the aldermen.

Two weeks ago the council had invited six petitioners from the opposing factions to go to council on Tuesday night and present their case

About 50 supporters for the gates filled the gallery to "standing room only" but not one representative of the petitioners asking for the gates to be removed, attended.

Mrs Norma Tucker, who has been leading the Keep the Gates supporters for the past five months received permission from the petition of 325 names of people supporting to want the Mort Street gates removed.

She said there had been dozens of instances of wrong names, wrong addresses, addresses of people who had not signed any petition and other general falsifications.

In his report to council the Town Clerk, Mr John Ragen, said one of these petitioners could not be invited because the address of 2 Cameron Street given on the petition did not exist.

Ald N. Origlass made a long speech about the history of the area and the effects of Australian National Line's terminal on the nearby residents and ended by saying that the sooner ANL was out of the area the better it would be for the residents.

Ald I. Wyner, who later presented his views on further curbs required to reduce the noise level from the terminal activities, said these people represented in the gallery

were being subjected to offensive and dangerous noises, vibrations and fumes and overcrowding.

Later in the meeting the council endorsed action taken by the town

planning department in writing to ANL and the Balmain police about the traffic hazards at Mort Street caused by heavy trucks waiting at the outside of the terminal on both sides of Mort Street.

ANL was told: "It would appear that such an undesirable situation could only arise out of a complete disregard for the interests and well-being of the residents of the area and could have been avoided by proper management of despatch arrangements from the terminal."

"Your explanation is, therefore, insisted on as a matter of urgency as well as your firm assurances that there will be no recurrence of such dangerous and undesirable practices in the future."

The officer-in-charge of the Balmain police was given a copy of the letter to the Australian National Line.

"Your co-operation by regularly patrolling and keeping the area under surveillance to ensure that there are no recurrences of protracted, irregular or illegal kerbside parking likely to result in traffic hazards and congestion in Mort Street, Balmain and any other streets that might be affected by traffic generated by the terminal, would be appreciated," the letter stated.

Free Legal Advice

A free legal advice centre has been opened by the Western Suburbs branch of the Law Society of NSW.

"People with problems are invited to come to the centre where qualified solicitors will be able to offer advice on a particular matter," he said. "If further legal representation is needed the people are then given a list of names of solicitors who would be available to undertake the particular kind of work sought."

The centre opened on February 7 at the Ashfield Town Hall and 38 people attended. They wanted advice on matters such as proceedings for divorce, pensions, maintenance, tenancy, wills, complaints against solicitors, motor vehicle damage and police business.

The centre will be open every Thursday from 6 to 9pm and the service is available to anyone in the Link's distribution area.

column NINE

THE HUE and cry about the strength of the opposition to the Barnett report on the reduction in the number of local councils, has really reached hysteria when there is reference to the scheme's "death knell."

The Minister for Local Government Sir Charles Cutler, put the report to his Cabinet with his blessing to the scheme in principle but there is no significance in his latest statement that he is "prepared to study objections with an open mind."

We would be extremely disappointed if he didn't.

Leichhardt aldermen have expressed their personal views on the amalgamation and these are as definite, one way or the other, as they are elsewhere in Sydney.

Probably the most disappointing fact arising from the pros and cons of the scheme is that the report and its ramifications have become a political football.

Why on earth parties have been allowed to encroach into local government is beyond the writer and Leichhardt is a prime example of how an area can stagnate — even regress — while aldermen quibble on their party's likes and dislikes, or even worse, hurl abuse at each other as their political feelings are exposed on matters concerning only the running of the municipality.

Goodness knows, the local councils get little enough from state or Federal governments. Is it really worth putting the ratepayers on the chopping block?

There have been sensible statements by some Leichhardt aldermen on the subject and they obviously show true feelings for people; they really care about the people, even if it means losing their council seats.

Others have come out with all sorts of garbage about the political implications of the report, of the comparisons between running a local government and a private industry.

These people have obviously not ventured into, or have not been successful at, private business... there is no comparison. If private industry ran the council there would be profits ploughed back into the district, a better distribution of staff, a paring of personnel (staff and aldermen), decreased costs... and isn't that what the Barnett report is all about.



Beautiful Sandra Lewis, of Balmain, has \$100 — but that is only a small part of the story. The \$100 was presented to her this week as the Balmain Rotary Club's sponsorship fee. Sandra will be the club's representative in the Miss Television Quest for the Children's Surgical Research Fund.

Protest Against Report

The Leichhardt council will strongly contest the recommendations of the Barnett report on local body boundaries and administration.

The council adopted a mayoral minute on a meeting of the Mayor, Ald Bill Dougherty and Ald P. Bray, N. Origlass, E.L. Sandblom, V. Smart, P.J. Wilson and I. Wyner, the council's

community social worker, Mrs M. Bull, and 34 residents on February 26.

These people unanimously agreed to strongly contest the report.

On Tuesday night after adopting the mayoral minute it was stated that of the four members of the council team which will represent its views at a special Barnett report meeting in Sydney one member, ab-

sent on Tuesday night, may have opposing views to those of the other aldermen.

Ald I. Wyner pointed out that if this member had opposing views he could hardly be expected to put a fair and unbiased view on behalf of the council.

It was decided to ask the alderman his views on the Barnett report and if his views were in opposition to the other aldermen he should be replaced.

The deputation is Mayor Dougherty, Ald L. Rodwell, Wyner and P. Bray.

Ald Rodwell was not at the meeting. Reserves for the deputation were Ald V. Smart and N. Origlass.

A number of aldermen and residents spoke against the recommendations contained in the report, as a result of which this motion was carried unanimously.

"This meeting of aldermen and citizens of the Municipality of Leichhardt strongly contests the Conclusions and Recommendations of the State Government's Committee of Inquiry into Local Government Areas and Administration in New South Wales.

Particularising, it opposes recommendations

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Fourth form pupils of the Balmain High School studying a past copy of the Balmain Link newspaper as a school project. Under the eye of library assistant, Mrs Jeannette Stevenson, the children study the paper and its contents and hold an open forum on local news. OTHER PICTURE PAGE 6.

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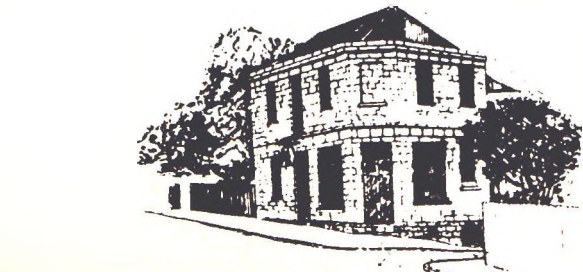
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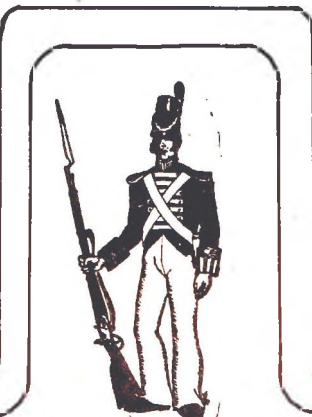


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BOTANY BAY COULD EASE BALMAIN'S TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Expanded port facilities at Botany Bay next year can result in a major decrease in bulk cargo handling and container traffic at Balmain and Rozelle.

These benefits are seen from an announcement by the president of the Maritime Services Board, Mr W. H. Brotherson, that bulk-handling facilities will be available at Botany Bay from late 1975.

The project's initial cost is \$42 million.

The State Member for Balmain, Mr Roger

Degen, and Balmain wardman Ald I. Wyner agreed that proper use of Botany Bay facilities should mean a reduction of those at Peninsula ports.

They argue that with such facilities available at Botany Bay, there should be no recurrence of applications such as from Mayne Nickless last year for increased container traffic on local roads.

Ald Wyner said that, ideally, if Botany Bay facilities were properly used the ANL terminal at Mort Bay could be closed down.

This would eliminate

the present problem of traffic causing house damage and nuisance to residents, he said.

Ald Wyner questioned the policy of the MSB in replacing a berth at Balmain with another at White Bay.

EXPENDITURE

He said such expenditure should be held back until it was known if it was really necessary in view of the facilities to be offered at Botany Bay.

Ald Wyner said Botany Bay had a good rail terminal at the reclaimed area and the railways would soon get additional container-carrying wagons to cope with bulk cargo there.

Meanwhile, Mr Degen said a reduction of bulk cargo use of ports on the Balmain Peninsula, plus use of rail facilities to White Bay and perhaps lighter traffic to Mort Bay, should mean great benefits to Balmain and Rozelle.

Should general cargo use of available wharfage not take up "slack" from container cargo taken to Botany Bay, local ship builders should be encouraged to transfer to Glebe Island wharfage areas.

This would ensure them the same convenience of operations in the area as well as employment while reducing resident nuisance on the Peninsula.

VACATED

The land vacated could then be developed to the best advantage of the area.

These hopes have arisen from Mr Brotherson's statement that:

- The first bulk berth will be available to shipping at the end of 1975.

- The first lessees, companies engaged in industries using materials imported in bulk cargo industries, will enter the reclaimed area within a few months.

- The expanding container trade can be catered for by the provision of wharfage and terminal facilities as necessary at Botany Bay within two or three years.

He said 370 acres had been reclaimed to make Botany Bay, at low tide, the deepest port in Australia and as deep as any other port in the world, capable of taking vessels of 250,000 deadweight capacity.



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POTTERY SHOW AT DIVOLA

Mrs Janet Mansfield, of Turramurra, will hold an exhibition of pottery from Sunday to March 31 at Balmain's Divola Galleries.

Mrs Mansfield will show stoneware stoups, pitkins, gallipots, jorums and porringers — designs of beakers, drinking cups and soup cups popular through centuries.

Critics feel Mrs Mansfield's style in functional pottery shows a highly personal style.

Five well-known artists, including the late

Sir William Dobell, will be represented in the art section.

The Dobell exhibition will be six drawings, including two pencil studies for his portrait of Helena Rubenstein and two miniature paintings, studies for Christmas cards.

Other artists represented will be Louis James, Jeffrey Makin, the late Godfrey Miller and the 1974 winner of the Wynne Prize, Clement Millward.

From March 1 Divola Galleries hours will be 11am to 6pm, Thursday to Sunday.



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**Council supports
sawmill expansion**

The Leichhardt Council is supporting a move by a Rozelle sawmiller to have land in its vicinity rezoned because of its need to forward plan to meet expanding markets and increased local demands.

The company, H.H. Cush and Co. Pty. Ltd., wants land bounded by Mullens, Mansfield and Parsons Street and The Crescent rezoned industrial light.

Council will ask the State Planning Authority to have the land rezoned.

They will also seek a small parcel of land at the corner of The Crescent and Mansfield Street for use as a park

area and to round off the corner for traffic use.

The company at present occupies a large part of the block, with street frontages on Parsons and Mullens Street.

The land was zoned "living area" under the County of Cumberland Planning Scheme but in the Leichhardt Planning Scheme of 1968 it was rezoned "industrial light."

No objections were made on that occasion by local residents.

H.H. Cush has occupied land on the block for more than 50 years. They have purchased additional property on it for future expansion.

In reply to council's request for detailed information, the company has stated:

• The sawmill will continue to operate on land owned before June 27, 1951, the appointed day under the County of Cumberland Planning Scheme.

• Should other land be rezoned as requested, the company recognised this would be under the complete control of council.

• And acquired after June 27, 1951, would be used for relatively quiet operations such as light joinery, assembly, parking, loading and unloading areas, staff amenities and landscaping.

Efforts would be made to use such areas as buffers between Cush's sawmilling operations and residential development.

The company has undertaken to give extreme

care in development in the block.

Facilities for loading, unloading and parking would be selected with care. Off-street parking areas would be selected with the same care as other facilities, with the number of spaces provided as required by council.

The company does not see any significant increase in traffic because of its operations.

But because of development it was certain the number of employees would increase substantially, and most of these were expected from local areas.

**School
camps in
vacation**

The YMCA will conduct two camps for school age boys and girls during the May school vacation at Yarramundi, five miles from Richmond, on Springwood Road.

The first camp, for boys and girls seven to 11 years, will go from May 8 to May 12 to provide an introduction to camping.

The second, for children eight to 16 years, will run from May 12 to May 19, and includes a leadership training camp for boys aged 14 to 17 years.

Details can be obtained by phoning 26-6044 or writing to the Vacation Camp Director, YMCA, 325 Pitt Street, Sydney.

**RSL club
elections**

The Balmain-Rozelle RSL Club has re-elected Tommy Hannan unopposed as president.

Other officials are: Vice presidents, Noel Kelly and Dick Jones; treasurer, Bob Elliott (unopposed); directors, Toby Murphy, Brian Clark, Frank Barber, Barney McGinn, Reg Brown, Allan Smith, Neil Johnson, Pat Higgins.

The sub-branch vice president is Frank Barber, succeeding Fred Ridley.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has elected Beryl Jones president, succeeding Eve Moss.

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SCHOOL DESIGN EXHIBITION

Everyone interested in the future of their children's education can get a first-hand look at the latest ideas in school, college and university architecture at the Sydney Opera House this weekend.

They can also see trends in classroom planning and design.

The State Education Department has arranged an exhibition of building models, and black and white photographs and drawings, in the Opera House Exhibition Hall from tomorrow to Tuesday, March 5.

The Minister for Education, Mr Eric Willis, said the exhibition was "appropriate in view of the large capital works program undertaken by the Government in this field each year."

The current year's program is \$86 million. The exhibition will highlight:

- Types of schools.
- Links between in-

door and outdoor learning areas.

• Trends in school library design.

• Special educational needs of handicapped children.

• Building demands made by the ever-widening range of studies at universities, colleges of advanced education and technical colleges.

The Education Department has also completed a film about the school building programme.

"This film highlights the massive building programme which has been undertaken in the past 10 years to provide modern classrooms for our young people so that schooling will be a memorable and profitable experience," Mr Willis said.

To be premiered in the Opera House Music Room on Tuesday, the film, "Design for Youth," will be made available to theatres throughout Australia and overseas.

UNDER 9 LEAGUE FANS CAN PLAY

Boys under nine years in the Leichhardt-Balmain districts can still enjoy Rugby League this season even though they will not have competitive games.

Organisations such as the Balmain Police Boys' Club and the "Scorpions" — the Birchgrove Junior Rugby Football League Club — will concentrate upon coaching boys in the under nine age group.

The move this year follows concern among medical and League circles that children in this age group could be "over-trained" if they played competitively.

Now they will be either coached by the "Scorpions" or given games and coaching, alternatively, by the Police Boys Club.

"Scorpion" training begins on Thursday, February 28, at No 2

Ground (waterside) Birchgrove Oval.

Players in all age groups are sought with coaching classes for the under-7, under-8 and under-9 groups and grade competition for U-10 to U-15 and C grade teams.

Boys under nine years with the Police Boys' Club will play matches for three Saturdays running, but on the fourth they will receive skilled coaching by League experts supplied by the Balmain Rugby League Club.

This pattern will continue throughout the season for the under-7, under-8 and under-9 teams.

No points are to be allocated for wins or draws, and there will be no semi-finals, finals or grand finals for the season.

The club's secretary-supervisor, Serg. George Stone, says there are vacancies in the under-nine teams and also the C grade team.

Boys interested in joining up should phone 82-2234.

Many of the Boy's Club League teams are already in training. All teams train at Birchgrove Oval on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Training nights are:

B grade — Monday and Wednesday at 7.30.

C grade — Wednesday and Friday at 6.30.

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Successful Awardees will be required to live-in during the period and the accommodation and transportation costs will be paid by this Club.

The Seminar is designed to bring together young men and young women from Club areas for a week's study of subjects allied to youth leadership. Applicants should be active leaders in youth clubs, fellowships, scouting, guides and/or sporting organisations.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from: R.F. Smith 827-1055 day, 637-2175 after work hours or

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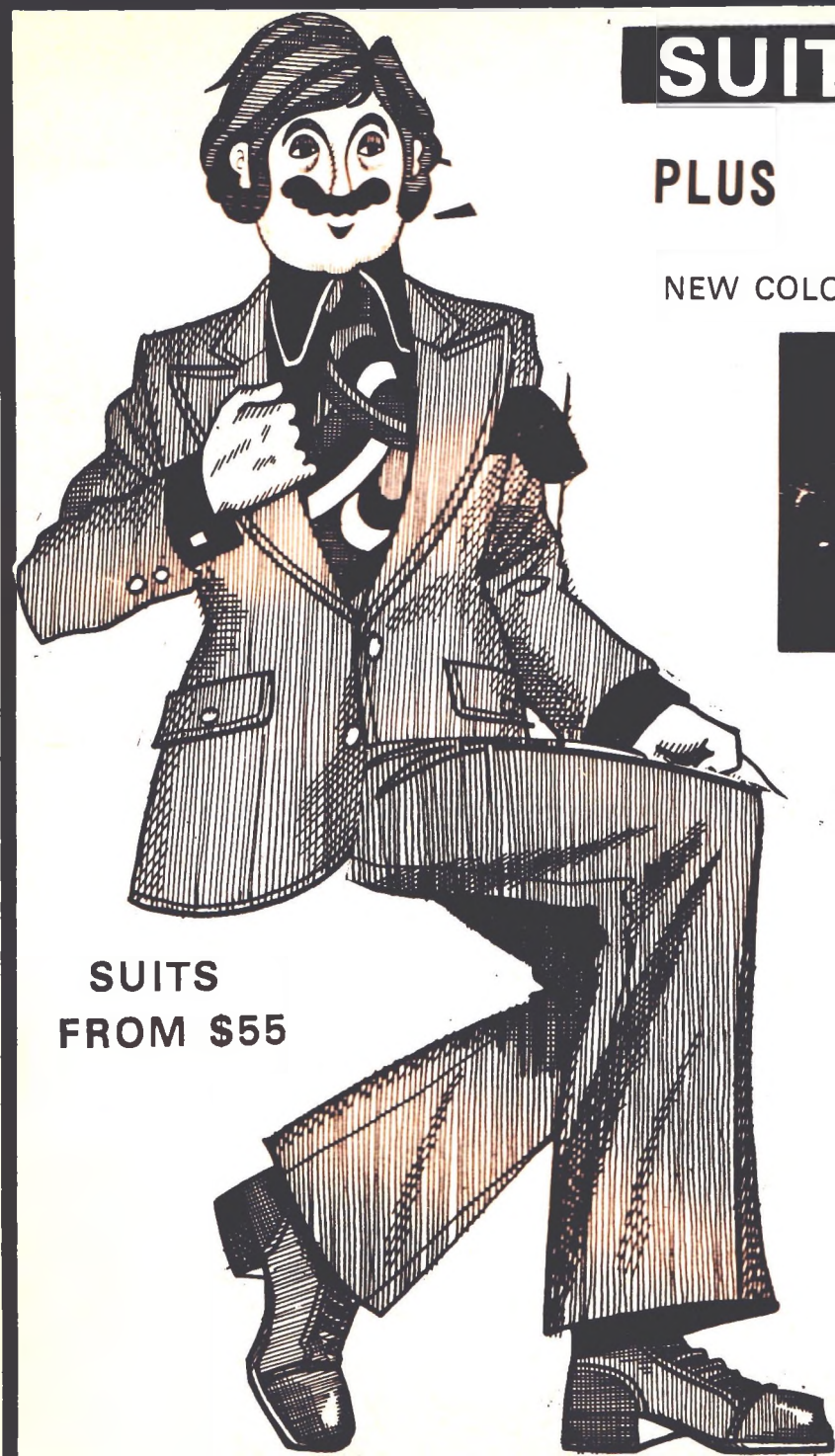
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Protest against report *from page one.*

(1) that a non-elected Chief Officer exercise all powers except reserved functions mainly directed towards the formulation of policy and administrative review; (10) the appointment of a Secretary with the qualifications of a Town Clerk; (P.96 the Mayor to be no longer the chief executive officer; (P.92) the anti-democratic categorisation of elected persons as amateurs whose functions are largely to be moved into the hands of non-elected professionals; (P.60) the explicit attack on the essence of democratic representation on the score that elected persons may not be essence of democratic representation on the score that elected persons may not be efficient and competent in the case of local government, in contrast to dead silence in the fact

that alleged lack of such attributes is not advanced as requiring successful parliamentary candidates to abdicate in favour of non-elected professionals; (P.81). (2) the State to be divided into 97 districts in place of the existing 223 municipalities and shires. The meeting notes that the Committee of Inquiry was precluded under its terms of reference from examining the question of proper local government by the omission of a comma after the word "proper". This meeting agrees with the Committee of Inquiry's declaration (P.50), so notably divergent from most of its contentions: "... We believe that a good system of local government implies elected councils with effective powers of decision-making in a broad field

of community activity, accountable to the local people rather than to a central authority. It also implies that the elected council should openly debate major issues relating to the local community ...' This meeting endorses the policy already adopted by Leichhardt Council, which both accords with the above and makes it more specific — as follows: 'We affirm the validity of the perspective of an ever increasing role for local government in Australia.' 'We declare that the establishment of a regional organisation is not antipathetic to this so long as such organisation is composed of elected

delegates from its constituent councils and so long as it may recommend, rather than dictate, to its constituent councils. 'We appreciate the popular trend over recent years has been demonstrated to be for local self-government and against decisions made from afar, and that the basic units of this grass-roots democracy must be small, both as to population and area. 'We note the biased attitude of the committee demonstrated by its decision to curtail investigation of a potentially fruitful avenue of development as directed by its terms of reference; as this is born out by the remarks on page 69

relating to regionalism paragraph 2 "Secondly we believe it is expecting too much of any State Government to suggest that it should delegate major powers and functions to another level of government and then be expected to provide the resources to meet the cost of administering these powers and functions". 'We also note an undesirable view of the basic element of democracy "the secret ballot" as evidenced by the comments on page 90, paragraph 2 "Notwithstanding this, the public should not, in our view, be expected to rely upon fortuitous circumstances at the ballot box, etc."'

Political Invitations

Leichhardt Council wants to invite five of the busiest men in NSW to a public meeting about the administration of church lands at Bishopthorpe, Glebe.

They are:
• Mr Jim Cope, Federal Member for Sydney and Speaker of the House of Representatives.
• Mr Tom Uren, Federal Minister for Urban and Regional Development.
• Mr Les Johnson,

Federal Minister for Housing and Construction.

• Mr Fred Daly, Federal Minister for Services and Property and Leader of the House of Representatives.

• Mr Pat Hills, State Member for Phillip, which includes Glebe.

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BALMAIN SWIMMING

Results of Balmain Amateur Swimming events last Saturday at the Dawn Fraser Pool.
 U/10 55yds freestyle: Heat 1, L. McDowell 1, I. Craig 2, A. Anson 3; heat 2, L. Oakley 1, P. Maquire 2, A. Burt 3; heat 3, S. Schulze 1, P. Vitnell 2, C. Pearce 3.
 U/10 55yds BBB: Heat 1, A. Anson (bck) 1, A. McNally (br) 2, I. Craig (bck) 3; heat 2, C. Pearce (bck) 1, L. Pearce (bck) 2, S. Schulze (br) 3.
 Open 110yds backstroke championship: Boys, K. Miranda 1, S. Walton 2, R. Walton 3; girls, V. Findlay 1, T. Moran 2, S. McIntosh 3.
 U/8 33yds freestyle: Heat 1, M. Stewart 1, K. Smitt 2, L. McJannet 3; heat 2, J. Tapp 1, G. Cameron 2, K. Schulze 3; heat 3, R. Lawrence 1, B. Anson 2, J. Walton 3.
 U/8 33yds BBB: Heat 1, D. Russell (bck) 1, J. Hyde (br) 2, J. Boyd (bck) 3; heat 2, R. Lawrence (bck) 1, K. Schulze (br) 2, K. Davison (bck) 3.
 Mile championships: Boys, R. McJannet (fs) 1, D. Locke (fs) 2, S. Schulze (bck) 3; girls, V. Findlay (fs) 1, S. McIntosh (br) 2, B. Pearce (fs) 3.
 Mile handicap: Boys, D. Walton 1, R. McJannet 2, S. Schulze 3; girls, B. Pearce 1, A. Walton 2, V. Findlay 3.
 110yds freestyle: Heat 1, C. Walton 1, R. Large 2, E. McNally 3; heat 2, A. Walton 1, N. Hulyer 2, G. Moran 3; heat 3, T. Moran 1, K. Miranda 2, S. McIntosh 3; heat 4, R. McJannet 1, S. Walton 2, V. Findlay 3.
 110yds BBB: Heat 1, C. Walton (br) 1, N. Hulyer (br) 2, B. Maquire (bck) 3; heat 2, A. Walton (br) 1, G. Moran (bck) 2, A. Quartly (bck) 3; heat 3, T. Moran (br) 1, S. McIntosh (br) 2, M. Robinson (br) 3; V. Findlay (bck) 1, D. Locke (br) 2, R. McJannet (br) 3.
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A young Balmain man, David Marr, will direct a production of "Goon" Spike Milligan's play "The Bedsitting Room" for Sydney University Dramatic Society. Production rights for the play were obtained recently as a result of hurried telephone calls to Milligan's mother in Broken Bay and subsequent cablegrams to Milligan's secretary in London. Performances will be from Wednesday, February 27, to Saturday, March 2, and between Wednesday, March 6 to Saturday, March 9, at the Union Theatre, Sydney University.



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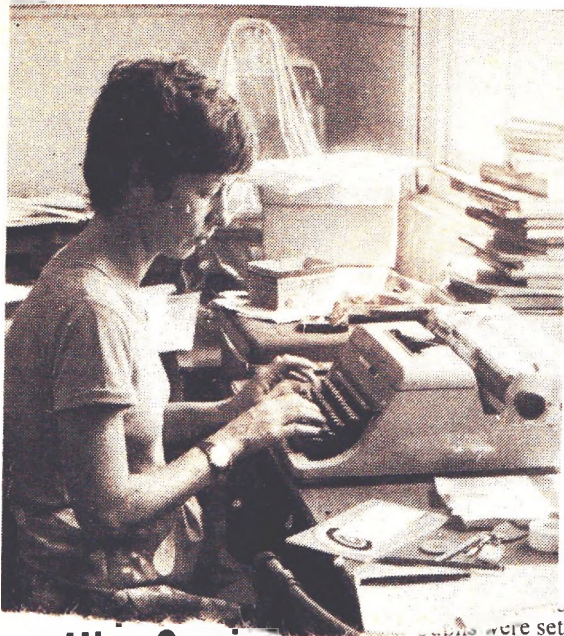
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Wyner urges change in ideas

Regionalising inner-city councils as urged by the Commonwealth Government should be altered to cope with land uses and social and economic differences among residents, says Ald. I. Wyner.

Ald. Wyner (Balmain) put this proposal in his report to council on proposed regionalisation of council facilities.

The Commonwealth has stressed autonomy of council affairs but wants services and facilities combined where this could benefit both administration and region.

Under the present proposal, a central sub-region would comprise Ashfield, Burwood, Concord, Drummoyne, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Mosman, North Sydney, Randwick, South Sydney, Strathfield, Sydney, Waverley and Woollahra.

But Ald. Wyner suggests Leichhardt should be linked with Marrickville, South Sydney, Sydney and Woollahra.

He said regions had been suggested on the

basis that they were "functional" in that they emphasised links between people and activities and "uniform" in that they emphasised socio-economic similarities.

Ald. Wyner pointed out these differences:

● LAND USE PATTERNS

Central areas had a mixture of land uses — residential, industrial and fringe-city activities such as warehousing and small office development. The functioned as both dormitory and employment areas and land was extensively used.

Middle areas had a much higher proportion of their land used for residential purposes and few of the other activities. They were basically dormitory areas and land was less densely developed.

● SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Central areas had falling populations, high residential density, a high proportion of single person households.

There was a considerable proportion of the population made up of disadvantaged groups — aborigines, migrants, pensioners, low income families.

Significant moves of

new people into these areas mean the population structure changed rapidly to contain a wide range of socio-economic groups.

Middle areas had gradual but not rapid increasing population, a low residential density which increased with rapid flat development in particular instances, single person houses disadvantaged groups were not considerable and the socio-economic structure was more uniform.

Ald Wyner argues that the most outstanding problems facing inner-city areas are those caused by rapid change, which could cause social and physical disruption if not properly managed.

Councils could employ specialised staff to try to overcome some of these disabilities, but this lead to higher running costs.

This meant that already disadvantaged groups — such as aborigines, migrants, pensioners and low income families — suffered most from both social and physical disruption and from increased rates to pay for higher running costs.

To overcome inequalities it was most urgent for central sub-regions to have funds to provide adequate and skilled staff to manage

these changes to the advantage of residents.

SCHOOL GRANTS

An another report to council, Ald D.B. Young (Glebe) argued for equalisation grants for schools in a region including Leichhardt Municipality.

He said inner-city districts were chronically short of open space and recreation facilities normally found in other areas.

There was also lack of opportunity for children for encouragement to continue education after leaving school at an early age.

This could be done best in a community school with local council backing.

LIBRARY NEEDS

The Leichhardt Chief Librarian, Mrs G. Fabbri, also presented a special report listing library needs in areas seeking to provide a service to special groups, such as migrants.

The reports are to be sent on to the Minister for Urban and Regional Development, Mr Tom Uren, the Commonwealth Grants Commission and the Regional Council.

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MUNICIPALITY OF LEICHHARDT

The COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEICHHARDT is considering the setting up of a Community Welfare Committee whose undertaking will be to assist in the provision of services and community involvement.

It is expected that Council's Social Service activities will be directed in the main towards the underprivileged, the pensioners, working mothers, low wage earners and the children of the underprivileged; and to cover services and concerns such as the following:—

- Programmes for self-help.
- Infant and Family Welfare.
- Playgrounds, Play Centres.
- Home Nursing, Domiciliary Services.
- Housekeeping Help and Emergency Aids.
- Services and Centres for the Aged.
- Specialised Counselling Services — e.g. Marital, Migrant, Vocational, Adolescent.
- Sheltered Workshops and Half-Way Houses.
- Advice and Referral Services.
- Low-Cost Housing.
- Legal Aid.

The above list is by no means complete as the Committee will look into all aspects of social welfare.

A PUBLIC MEETING for discussion of the project will be held in the Leichhardt Town Hall, 107 Norton Street, Leichhardt, on Thursday, 7th March, 1974, at 8pm.

All interested citizens and/or experts in the field of community welfare are invited to attend the Meeting and to participate in the formation of a COMMUNITY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

For information on this matter please contact Mrs M. Bull, phone 82-1094

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SCHOOLS GET SLICE OF \$16m CAKE

Each state school in the Leichhardt Municipality will benefit substantially from the Commonwealth Government's special allocation of \$16 million in 1974.

Schools will gain from new accommodation, refurbishing, and the provision of special education facilities not now available to them.

The benefits are being made through assistance recommended by the Australian Schools Commission.

Details of specific aid are not available because the State Education Minister, Mr Eric Willis, said this week he did not wish to describe any particular school as "disadvantaged".

This is the term describing the schools being given the assistance under the particular recommendations.

The area Director for Education, Mr E. Colman, said that substantial assistance would be made available to schools in the Leichhardt area this term.

Further allocations would be made in the second and third terms.

He said schools in the Balmain-Glebe-Leichhardt area had been given strong consideration for grants.

Mr Willis said the

finance would be made in two ways — recurrent expenditure for educational projects and capital grants for building construction or re-modelling.

Most of the sixty schools to benefit from additional building projects are in the inner city area. There is a \$6.2 million allocation for 1974 and 1975.

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MOTORING with the LINK

Gloomy predictions from Ford about the demise of Australian motor racing after the withdrawal of works support from their two Falcons are rapidly being swept away by a flood of announcements of greater support than before from almost every other quarter.

The latest good news is from the Bob Jane Racing Team which is not only planning far greater activity than before, but has signed a new driver, Ron Harrop.

Harrop will be driving his famous EH Holden fitted with the Repco 5000 cc V8.

Ron Harrop's record with the EH in six-cylinder form is already impressive. In 1973 he finished second to Peter Brock — who was racing in a higher capacity class — in the Sidchrome series. With his dragster, Harrop's Howler, he has

BOB JANE SIGNS UP NEW DRIVER

been three times Australian champion.

Bob Jane, pictured right, just couldn't believe Harrop's lap times with the EH in six-cylinder form. He wondered what would happen if the car had more power, and there was just one way to find out — supply the power and sign on the driver.

The first appearance of the EH V8 will be at the Calder Marlboro \$100,000 meeting on March 17.

With 16 major championship titles in the bag, the Bob Jane Racing Team is now in its 15th year and with Bob, John Harvey and Ron Harrop plus six competitive cars,

it is all set for a real giant-killing 1874.

Bob Jane is after his fifth Australian touring car championship and the team, sponsored by Glo-weave, Castrol, TAA and Southern Motors, will contest the touring car and manufacturers' championships and other major races with their team cars, which will include a new Torana V8 production touring car soon to be released by General Motors.

They will also be in the Marlboro \$100,000 sports sedan series at Calder and the similar series at Oran Park with Bob's Monaro 350GTS and John Harvey's Torana Repco V8.



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Accident rate drops with stop signs

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The report states that the "before" accidents totalled 43, with one person killed and 26 injured. The "after" accidents totalled only three, with no casualties.

Twelve of the intersections had a completely clean record in the six-month "before" period ranged to six.

The 14 sets of stop signs were installed in the past 18 months after the NRMA's traffic and safety department took up complaints by members and made representations to the authorities concerned.

According to government traffic authorities, casualty accidents are reduced by an average of about 80 per cent where stop signs are installed. But the signs are suitable only for certain low-volume traffic locations.

The cost of installation of 360 stop signs was included in an Australian Government allocation of \$1,080,000 to NSW this financial year for projects aimed at improving the safety of places with bad accident records.

It was part of the first Federal allocation to the states specifically for traffic engineering and road safety improvements.

Among other projects covered by the \$1,080,000 allocation are 30 new traffic signals, line markings on more than 350 miles of roads, channelisation and median works at 12 locations and improving visibility on 12 crests and curves.

For many years, the NRMA's traffic and safety department has been carrying out in-

vestigations of danger spots and other traffic problems reported by members throughout the state. Where practicable, the investigations include an inspection of the location, and the department writes to the authorities suggesting an action which could be taken.

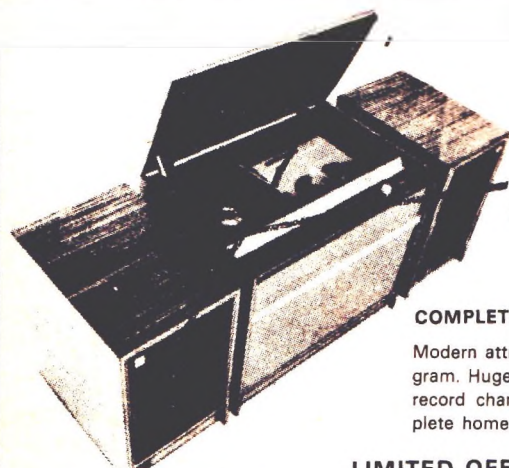
Last year, the authorities agreed to the department's proposals in 345 cases.

The association is seeking information from members on two aspects of motoring — highway improvements and weekend traffic flow.

Members who are aware of highway locations where overtaking lanes might be required should send details in writing to the NRMA, Traffic and Safety Department, 151 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000.

The association also wants to hear from members who, when travelling in heavy traffic on multi-lane routes at weekends, frequently encounter delays caused by parked vehicles blocking the kerbside land.

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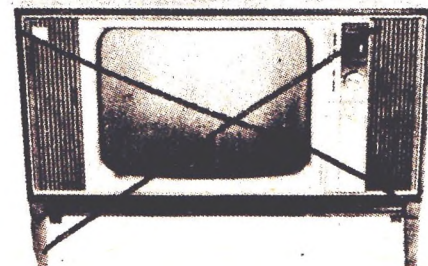
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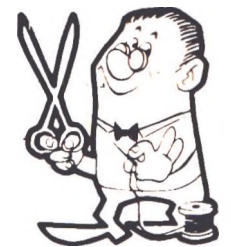
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The first six St George wickets came his way as few batsmen found him easy to handle. Gillogly eventually finished his initial first grade bowling effort with the fine figures of 6-34 off 13 overs, two of which were maidens.

Four catches to Kerry

Thompson saw the heir-apparent to State wicketkeeper Brian Taber pass his old club wicketkeeping record with three more matches still to play.

In 1971-72, in his first season with Balmain, Thompson set a club first grade wicketkeeping record of 32 dismissals in one season.

Already this summer Thompson has 33 dismissals (30 catches and 3 stumpings).

In an uninspiring day of slow run-scoring and

similarly slow over-rates Balmain were always on top as they moved into a strong position by stumps. Balmain are 3-65 in pursuit of the St George total of 112 and there seems little doubt that next Saturday they will register first innings points.

In addition to the outstanding efforts of Gillogly and Thompson, Dave Renneberg, John Heiler and Hugh Martin were prominent.

Renneberg and Heiler with two wickets each

gave valuable assistance to Gillogly and Hugh Martin showed a welcome return to form with a stylish 28.

In the lower grades Balmain again seem set to achieve winning points in all but the fourth grade game. Third grade have fared the best of all and they already have secured a first innings' lead. Second grade are extremely well placed for first innings points but Keith Herron's fourth grade team are not so well placed and seem headed for their second successive loss.

First Grade: Balmain 3-65 (H. Martin 28 n.o.) v St George 112 (T. Gillogly 6-34, J. Heiler 2-24, D. Renneberg 2-35).

Second Grade: Balmain 1-49 v St George 163.

Third Grade: Balmain 7-95 v St George 79.

Fourth Grade: Balmain 4-39 v St George 155.

GIRLS WIN AGAIN

Last Sunday 20 sabots from the Drummoyne Junior Sailing Club, sailed a point-score race and saw, practically a replica of the previous week's results.

Again in the one-ups it was a battle between the two girl skippers, Bronwyn Gilliard and Michelle Barnes, and again Michelle got the better of Bronwyn and crossed the line first.

Results: Tyrant Junior (Michelle Barnes) 1, Surprise (Bronwyn Gilliard) 2, Buzz-a-long (Ian Churton) 3; Fastest time:

Little Ripper (Ross Thomson).

The two-ups saw a tough fight on the last "work" between Moomba Too and Rebel. When all thought Moomba Too had clinched the lead Rebel made a good tack and won the race.

Results: Rebel (Robert and Victor Meyer) 1, Moomba Too (Lea and Butch Brown) 2, Vengeance (Bruce Evans and Evan Gillespie) 3; Fastest time: Nymph (Stephen and Joan Kerrison).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 1: Rozelle District Scouts Swimming Carnival at Leichhardt Pool.

March 2: Balmain Hospital Staff "puba-crawla-thon" for funds for NSW Nurse of the Year Quest at noon at Star Hotel.

March 8: Balmain Amateur Swimming Club's championships at Dawn Fraser Swimming Pool, Ellington Park at 7 pm.

March 22: Balmain Swimming Carnival at Dawn Fraser Pool, at 7 pm.

March 23: Seminar of Youth public discussion at Leichhardt Council Chambers from 9.30 am to 5 pm.

April 7: Balmain Association garden inspection for 1974.

April 7: Blood donor day sponsored by Balmain Football and Rotary Clubs, Outside Balmain Town Hall between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

April 9: Rozelle District Scouts annual committee meeting at Scout Hall, Albion Street at 8pm.

March 20: Eunge Wall's Fabulous Autumn Fashion Parade for Bal-

main Hospital Auxiliary at Fidden Hall at 8 pm.

BALMAIN HOSPITAL

March 9: Auxiliary chocolate wheel, Darling and National Streets, Rozelle.

March 14: Regular auxiliary meeting, Fidden Hall at 7.30 pm.

March 16: Auxiliary chocolate wheel, Darling and National Streets, Rozelle.

March 23: Auxiliary chocolate wheel, Darling and National Streets, Rozelle.

March 27: Auxiliary morning tea, 10.30 am start.

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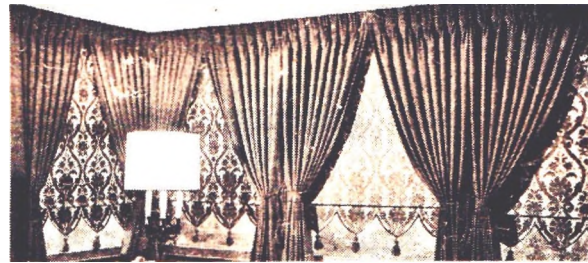
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