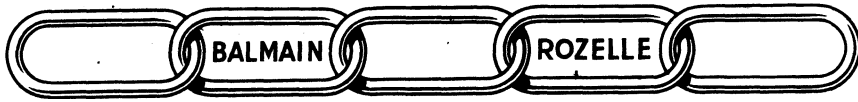


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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1974

**Fine weather  
big crowd at  
St Andrew's  
anniversary****The biggest event in Balmain for many years was also the most successful for many years last Sunday, when St Andrew's Congregational Church in Darling Street celebrated its 121st anniversary.**

Fine weather enthusiastic crowds and 1000 happy marchers behind heralded a dozen magnificently horsedrawn vehicles — and many participants in period costume — contributed to make a great day.

Within the church the hour-long service was quiet, dignified, and without incident.

But earlier the sudden eruption of a march tune by the St George Police Boys' Band startled Socks, an equitable-minded horse getting along fine with the crowd, and he bolted.

**QUIET SMOKE**

Fifty yards later he was persuaded not to enter the Balmain-Rozelle RSL Club and continued to lead the procession, drawing a hansom cab and the Mayor of Leichhardt, Ald Bill Dougherty.

Ald Dougherty quietly smoked a cigarette during the incident but seemed a little relieved when he arrived at the church to be greeted by the Rev F. Lambert Carter.

The day began at Elliott and Darling Streets at 9.30am and was still going strong for some guests over cups of tea in the church hall at 1pm.

Between those times the celebrants held a 25 min procession along

Darling Street, packed the 500 pews in the church while another 500 crowded the grounds outside, and met for tea and biscuits in the hall.

**MOTHER'S HELP**

The man who arranged the procession and who spent nine months in its organisation, also had the pleasure of seeing his mother help in the holding of the service.

He is Mr David Abba, son of the Rev Hilda Abba, who was minister at the church from 1952 to 1955.

The Rev Hilda Abba flew from Los Angeles especially for the service. Her husband, the Rev Raymond Abba, is professor of Old Testament Studies at the University of California.

Other church dignitaries at the service included two Catholic bishops — Bishop Edward Clancy (representing the Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Freeman) and Bishop Muldoon — and Monsignor Duffy of the Catholic Historical Society.

Representatives were also present from the Methodist, Presbyterian, and the Salvation Army churches.

**SERMON**

The sermon was delivered by the President of the Congregational Union of NSW, the Rev R.W. Albiston and the service was conducted by the union's secretary, the Rev F.H. Butler.

Rev Hilda Abba and the present minister, Rev Lambert Carter, read the lessons.

Among the many guests were the State Labor Parliamentary Opposition Leader, Mr Neville Wran — who spent his school-days in Balmain — and the State Member for Balmain, Mr Roger Degen.

Also present were the senior president of the National Trust of Australia, Mrs J. Kingsford Smith, and Mr Jack Mundy, former Builders' Labourers' Federation secretary and spearhead of the Green Belt conservation movement in Sydney.

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**Column  
NINE**

ALTHOUGH Parkes Development had its application to develop an area of the Balmain East foreshore turned down by the Leichhardt Council there is one simple fact that has to be faced by the aldermen and the objecting residents.

Tuesday night was only Round 1.

The next round will be an appeal by the developers on the decision and all the betting will be on the developers.

It is hard for the residents who have already had a lovely area invaded by one brick monstrosity, to be faced with further development and its associated problems, but the residents' admirable efforts will not be treated by the appeal commission with the same compassion as the council.

Whether we like it or not, whether we want it or not, will count for nothing against the developers' case of having fulfilled every wish required by the council's ordinances and every reasonable request by the aldermen.

Sentiment has never had much to do with the hard facts of business life and the developers have been kept at bay for a variety of reasons for so long now they have become hardened and determined in their attempts to put up their Town Houses in the area.

In fact it is true that the developers may well go to appeal on their original application to put up 30 Town Houses on their land, not the 26 to which they were prepared to come down to in appeasing the objectors.

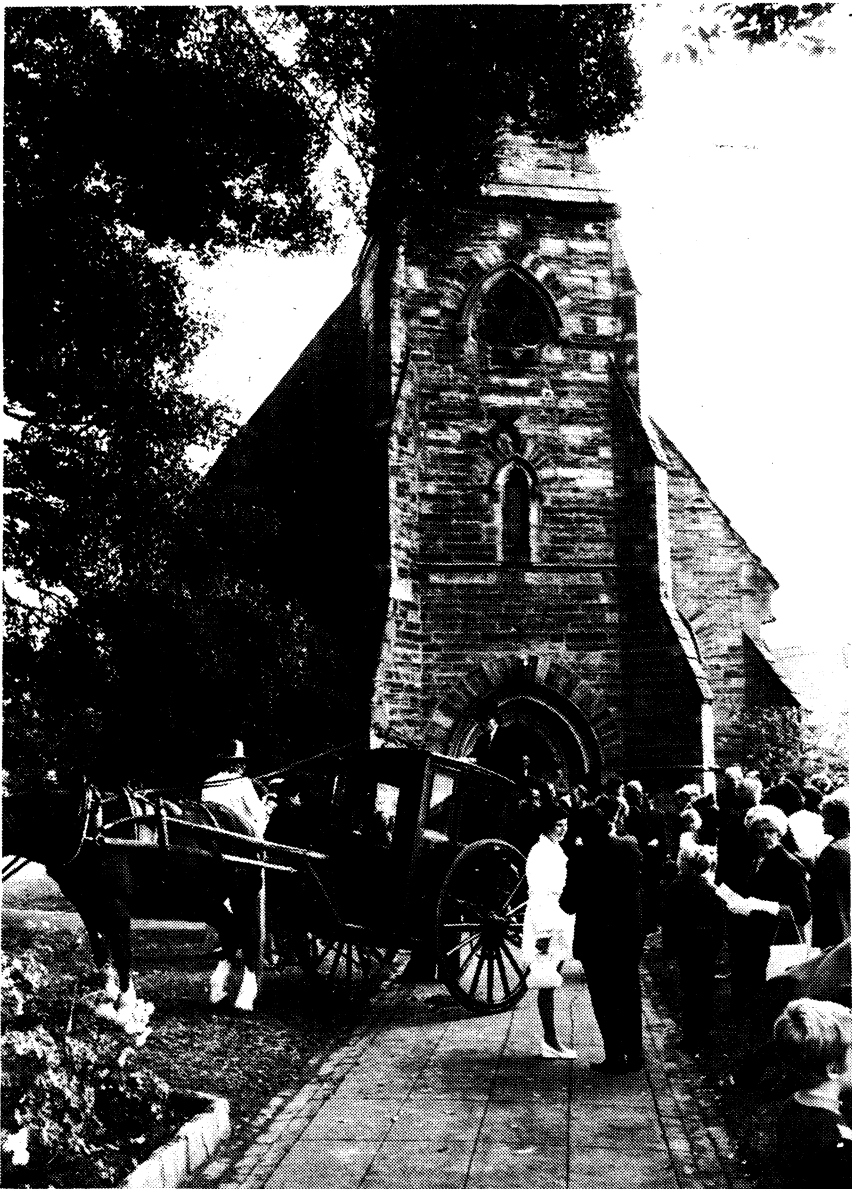
And, of course, all this is going to cost the council — the ratepayers all over the municipality — many thousands, first in litigation which is odds-on to be lost, and then to street development in the area.

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EVERYONE who saw Socks take off in the hansom cab taking the Mayor of Leichhardt, Bill Dougherty, to the St Andrew's Church's 121st birthday celebrations on Sunday were amazed at the calmness of the Mayor during the hot-footed dash.

But we can now reveal the truth.

Although Bill, in his youth, used to ride racehorses in track work, during the ride he was clamping down fairly hard on a cigarette and assessing just where and how he would jump, using his mayoral robes to protect him from flying glass.

**ABOVE: The St Andrew's Congregational Church was packed with 500 people at the anniversary service on Sunday and another 500 outside took part in the 121st celebrations.****LEFT: It could be a scene from the past as Socks stand placidly with the hansom cab and driver surrounded by the people in various costumes of yesteryears under the stateliness of the old church.****On  
other  
pages:**●  
**More  
pictures  
page 8**●  
**St Thomas'  
centenary  
page 9****And now the political post mortems . . .**

Labor has won, probably with an increased overall percentage of votes, but the Liberals have made a surprise surge for such a safe Labor seat, with the Australia Party holding its own despite apparent problems. But the Socialist Party of

**Australia is really in trouble.**

That is the electoral picture for the Federal seat of Sydney as learned by The Link shortly before going to press this week.

Latest figures are: James Francis Cope (Labor) 29,235; Janice Joye Wallace (Liberal) 7627; Julia Alexandria

Bovard (Australia Party) 1962.

Patrick Martin Clancy (Socialist Party of Australia) 791.

Final figures for the 1972 election were: Cope (Labor) 31,585; Robertson (Liberal) 6,609; Sorensen (Australia Party) 3,341; Aarons (Communist) 2,236; Clancy (SPA) 1,062.

The current informal

voting figure for last Saturday is 1370 which is high compared to the overall total of 1883 in 1972.

But Political observers feel the complexity of the Senate ticket, the need to fill in three separate voting papers and many instances of overcrowded conditions in polling booths contributed to this.

The electorate now has

52,223 voters compared to the 51,878 eligible in the December 2, 1972 election.

Of the latter, 5070 did not cast a vote. The number of non-voters last Saturday will not be known until the end of counting.

Generally, on the latest figures available,

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There's steak and kidney, steak tomato and onion, steak and peas, steak and potato, steak and bacon, plain steak or spicy Indian beef curry pies — baked fresh every day, and available hot from 10.30 on! Go along next week, buy yourself a different variety every day, they're so moorish you'll want to place an order for the big, big family size pie with your favourite filling. And, just for a change, try Diana's sausage rolls and genuine Cornish pasties. You'll find it hard to buy better.

**WEEKEND SPECIAL!** Light as air! Sponges filled or topped with delicious Devondale cream, and decorated with fresh strawberries or passion-fruit. If you're in the store early you'll find lots of little cream filled specials too — sponge strawberry cup cakes for example. If you wish, phone your weekend order on 82-1605.

Dropped into **THE BALMAIN JEAN COMPANY** at 250 Darling Street, just in time to see a super new collection of corduroy fashions unpacked. Corduroy, the wonder fabric that needs no care is washable, warm and inexpensively priced! See corduroy cleverly cut and seamed by 'Trade Action' into pant suits for girls; blazers with wide lapels, narrow waists and centre back vent, baggy trousers with side pockets; made-to-match in washed out blues, pinks, greens and browns, but available separately for \$20 jacket, \$14 pants. Lots of recycled cord is now in store, re-made into knee-length skirts of maroon/pink, brown/rust, dark/light green for \$15. New Levi jeans in washed out cords are in stock, with the Western shirts to go with them in matching washed out cords \$15, or soft velvets for \$16.50. Other new gear, new in this week — jersey shirts in marled charcoal tonings \$12.95, men's seersucker Western shirts in dark/light, blue/brown checks with blue bindings \$12; new 'In Shoppe' roll-neck sweaters in flecked green/

bone, navy/bone, and lots of Endy Roll necks in blue, red and black; cheese-cloth shirts for girls in colour checks for only \$6, re-cycled long denim skirts with patchwork inserts \$21.50. Call in this week — check out this great gear while stocks last at 250 Darling Street, Balmain.

In a couple of weeks or so, **SUTERS FASHION CENTRE** at 612 Darling Street, Rozelle, will have cleared all their stocks. Their closing-down sale will be over, and a handy fashion store will be lost to the area. But, now and for the next few days you'll be able to pick up even bigger bargains than before! Things like Chiffon scarves for 20 cents each, or big silk and rayon square scarves with designer prints of bright colours for \$1 or \$1.50 each. You'll find top quality, famous name panty hose selling for only 50 cents pair! Nylon batiste slips with pretty lace trims reduced to a ridiculous \$2 each (in petite and average sizes only). And, long flannelette nighties, cosily styled in pretty florals — all sizes for \$4! Just to mention a few. Go as soon as you read this — **SUTERS FASHION CENTRE** has their entire stock genuinely reduced to clear. You'll find all sorts of super buys!

Believe it or not — the people of France drink more mineral water than wine! This is an advertised fact belonging to the sensational new mineral water now on the market. Now in store at **THE BALMAIN HEALTH FOOD STORE**, 281 Darling Street, Balmain, the famed 'Vichy' brand of mineral water, imported from France in large 32oz bottles. If you drink mineral water — try this new line. If you've never experienced the clean refreshing taste of genuine mineral water, buy yourself a bottle this week, put it in the refrigerator and drink it with your meals instead of wine. Its mineral content is good for you — it's slimming too!

Lots of new release LP's are now in stock at **THE BALMAIN RECORD STORE**, 303 Darling Street, Balmain. The Aztec's latest, Cornelious Bros and Sister Rose's recording of 'Big Time Lover', Cat Steven's newest 'Budda and the Chocolate Box', Todd Rudgren's 'Todd', Aretha

Franklin's 'Let me into your life', Helen Reddy's 'Love Songs for Jeffrey', Malo's 'Ascension', a super new LP of 16 soul greats, 'Play It Again Vol 2' and the soundtrack of the new film 'That'll be the Day'. **THE BALMAIN RECORD STORE** has just unpacked new stocks of electric blankets. Made by 'Golde' and guaranteed the best value for the lowest price in Balmain! Call in — see the double bed size and compare it with others. See new stocks of electric space heaters, too — they have all the new '74 models.

Have you been to **IMPORT BAZAAR** at 313 Darling Street, Balmain yet? You're missing one of the best buying adventures in the area. It's a bazaar true to its name — filled with exotic and exciting imports. All sorts of things from Italian and Swedish glassware to clothing from India. **IMPORT BAZAAR** has a special gift section filled with things for every room in your home. Cookware, ornaments, flowers, posters, ashtrays, candlesticks, wall hangings, baskets, coasters, signs, cutlery, novelties galore! **IMPORT BAZAAR** has the best range of Indian clothing, shirts, blouses, long dresses, capes, velvet pinafores with silk screen printing, western shirts and jeans on special (\$4 and \$4.50 pair for guys, girls and children). And, this weekend, their **LINK SPECIAL** is beautifully-printed Kaftans from Pakistan for only \$7.99 each! Go early for your size and favourite colour — **IMPORT BAZAAR**, 313 Darling Street, Balmain.

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