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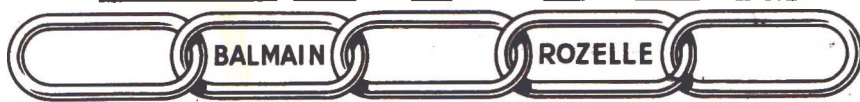
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THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE

BUT ANL USES BARGES

Barges have been used to move goods from ships to shore at the Australian National Line terminal at Mort Bay, Balmain, despite official claims that such a system is unworkable.

The Link's exclusive photographs show a Titan crane — a floating unit — lifting and loading what is believed was a huge turbine pipe section — from the Matthew Flinders container, ship onto a waiting barge.

These pictures were taken only a month after the ANL's top men handling the container cargo problem, Mr Chris Tanner, Australian manager cargo services, and Mr Peter Dexter, State manager, said such loading could not be done.

The claim was made when resident representatives Mr Roger Harrison, Mr David

Porter and Mr Chris Symon, were talking to the ANL executives at the terminal.

"We were talking about container cargo in general, and of getting it off the roads of Balmain and Rozelle, when barging was mentioned," Mr Harrison said.

"We were told emphatically that barging simply could not be done for two reasons.

"One was that it was not practicable to unload from a ship, or even from a wharf, onto a barge, because the barge was mobile.

"The other was that it was almost impossible to insure goods that were to be unloaded in such a manner."

Mr Harrison said a month later he observed a huge piece of machinery — "A turbine pipe section: it must have been worth anything up to \$100,000" — being unloaded by floating crane onto a barge.

"I was amazed. I took some photographs of the operation," he said this week. "I am certain that such an expensive piece of equipment was fully insured otherwise ANL would not have moved it that way."

Delayed

Meanwhile, the rush of container-carrying trucks built up this week, following what seemed to be a solution to industrial troubles which delayed unloading at the terminal for the past two weeks.

Residents told The Link they had "welcome relief" recently although the cause was unknown.

The Link understands wage claims resulted in a chain of stoppages at the terminal until Monday.

The dispute forced the Australian Explorer to stay tied to the wharf for the whole period, decks stacked with containers.

A GREEK NIGHT AT ROZELLE

It will be all Greek at the Rozelle Primary School next Thursday.

Principal Mr Brian Anfield has told The Link this week:

"We have 250 children at the school who are Greek or of Greek parentage, out of 650 and we naturally hope that as many as possible will come along and bring their families," he said.

"We'll have Greek as an 'official language' for the night — and interpreters for those who cannot speak the language.



SCOOP! The Link shows the floating Titan crane being used to unload heavy equipment from the Matthew Flinders onto a barge at the ANL terminal at Mort Bay.

Only big lifts says Dexter

The State Manager of ANL, Mr Peter Dexter, told The Link this week that the large Titan floating crane had been used for transferring heavy lifts from ship to barge at the terminal at Mort Street.

But he emphasised that this had occurred only for lifts of weights such as up to 200 tons.

"We accept that it has been used for the movement of heavy lifts from the ship onto the barge," he said.

But he said such use of cranes and barges was totally impractical — "in time and for economical purposes" — for containers.

Mr Dexter categorically denied that barges had been used in any transshipment of containers from ship to shore in the past.

Nor had the Titan crane ever been used to tranship containers from ship to shore.

He was commenting on reports The Link had received that barges had been used on occasions for the movement of containers, despite ANL policy that this was not practicable.

And he said the issue of insurance was not as important overall as when last

mentioned. He said — it was only one of many problems.

TOAST OF THE TIGERS



Graham Roberts, one of the Tigers' best buys this season, was the toast of Balmain Leagues Club this week after kicking six goals on Sunday to bring off the League upset of the round against Canterbury.

Graham, who works at the club, is pictured being congratulated by (from left) Arthur Patton, Hilton Kidd and Tom Lawler, three great players during the club's heyday in the 40's. See Link with League back page.

Container truck hits parked van

Two container trucks almost blocked Mort Street on Monday after one moved aside to let the other pass and in doing so struck a small parked van.

The van was dragged about five feet along the street.

No-one was injured but the bodywork on the driver's side was extensively damaged.

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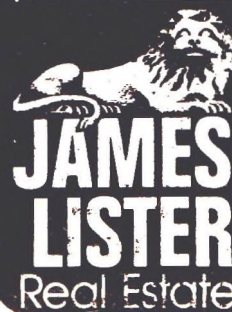
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Margaret Whitlam, wife of the Prime Minister, will officially open Balmain's new Council child care centre soon.

She has given a firm undertaking to the Mayor of Leichhardt, Alderman Les Rodwell, to come as soon as the centre is operational and a suitable date can be arranged.

The centre, under Miss Karen O'Brien, will cater for 25 children. It will be at the rear of the Balmain Town Hall and staff and equipment are now being obtained.

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KIDS CLEAN-UP BIG



Pictured are some of the 30 fourth formers from Balmain High School, who with their English teacher Mr Barry Eton, last week had a massive clean-up along the waterline of Elkington Park.

After one and a half hour's work, the pupils filled one third of a Leichhardt Council truck.

"I was amazed at the amount of litter compared to waste," Mr Eton told The Link later.

"There was very little actual waste. But the amount of non-biodegradable matter — aluminium cans and plastic bottles!

"These things just won't go away. They won't rot and they have to be picked up."

BALMAIN HIGH SCHOOL LADIES AUXILIARY

A meeting of the Balmain High School Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 1.30pm Tuesday, 10th June, in the Principal's office at the school. The Ladies Auxiliary is only in its infancy and would greatly appreciate your support and ideas, so please come and join us.

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Plan to preserve district on film

Eleven boys from Balmain High School have joined with their science master, Mr Robert Entwhistle, to "preserve" Balmain and Rozelle on film.

They are working in conjunction with the Balmain Association.

The Association provides the film and pays for the development of contact proofs and the school's camera club provides the elbow grease and know-how.

"It will be a long project," Mr Entwhistle said this week. "But the boys are enthusiastic and are also learning something about local architecture.

"The Association asked us to photograph only stone buildings that would be 50 or more years old."

A camera buff for most of his life — "I learned photography when I was at school myself" — this amiable, grey-haired science master spends as much time on the project as the boys.

Fascinating

One of the areas the boys — aged between 13 and 16 years — are concentrating on is East Rozelle alongside Victoria Road.

"If the proposed expressway goes ahead, it will go through there," says Mr Entwhistle.

"We have found some fascinating buildings in the area, and it will be a loss if they are pulled down. But at least we can preserve as much of the district on film as possible."

One of the group's "finds" a week ago was a century-old house in Toelle Street — built by the man after whom the street was named.

Footnote: Waste not, want not. Mr Entwhistle passes on any outstanding photograph he feels will assist with the teaching of local history to English/History teacher Mr Barry Eton for use in class.

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LINK WITH LEAGUE

Balmain's Tigers, written off by many as one of Rugby League's "easybeat" teams a fortnight ago, can re-enter the final five race at Kogarah Oval on Sunday.

The Tigers, with their first two wins in a row this season behind them, are undaunted by the fact they are playing St George who walloped them 31-5 only seven weeks ago.

Coach Paul Broughton, not only thinks his top side can bring off their second upset win in a week, but that all three grades will win.

"On our last two efforts against Penrith and Canterbury — especially Sunday's determined effort — I feel we can beat Saints," Broughton said this week.

"We have had the ability all along, but have lacked concentration and our two straight wins are going to help a lot," he said.

Balmain's confident outlook is not to be sneered at in this year's topsy-turvy League season.

Although the Tigers have won only four games, they are only three points behind the fifth placed side.

Tigers after Saints then top five spot

A win on Sunday will have them really back in the fight and ready to pounce on competition leaders Easts at Leichhardt Oval Sunday week.

The loss of last week's five-eighth and match winning kicker Graham Roberts is a savage blow this week.

Roberts dislocated his shoulder in Sunday's match and will be out for about six

weeks. The selectors have brought up smart reserves five-eighth Les Mara for his first top grade game this season to replace Roberts.

Apart from Mara the team will be the same as that which beat fourth placed Canterbury.

Captain Keith Outten, undergoing tests this week after collapsing before Sunday's game, and John Spencer, will both miss this week's match.

But Saints are nowhere near as strong as when they last met Balmain.

Certain to be missing on Sunday are their captain coach and fullback Graeme Langlands, and top forwards Russell Cox, Peter Fitzgerald and Lindsay Drake.

FANS' BONANZA

Two League fans at Leichhardt Oval joined with the Balmain Tigers in a bonanza win on Sunday.

As if anticipating the Tigers' return to top from the Balmain Club organised two celebration prizes for its spectators' contest.

Mr Tony White, of 41 Meredith St, Homebush, collected a Citizen digital alarm clock in the spectators' lucky draw.

A likely Canterbury supporter, J. Bedford, of 334 Beamish St, Campsie, probably gained some consolation for the team's poor showing by winning a Malles Whirlpool clothes dryer.

PRINGLE RUNS HOT

Neil Pringle, continuing his good recent form, has shot into second place in Bennetts Electrical Centre's best Balmain League players' contest.

Pringle grabbed his second successive major award with his non-stop effort on Sunday in Balmain's upset win over Canterbury to take his tally to nine points.

He is now only four points behind Keith Outten who has led the first grade section since the start of the season.

The first graders are competing for Bennetts' prize of a fabulous Westinghouse-Mettlers 340 litre (12 cu ft) refrigerator worth \$550.

Tireless young utility forward Steve Lavers earned the two points, his first in the top grade on Sunday, and Graham Roberts gained the minor point to move into

Bennetts Awards

third place on seven.

Les Mara's one point in the Tigers' reserve grade team's bolover win against Canterbury took him into second place on eight points — four behind leader Keith Cook.

Bennetts' reserve grade prize is a Pye AC/portable TV set worth \$220.

Stand in fullback Garry Thomson was the top reserves player and another usual Under 23 player Phil Heggen received two points.

Des Bonner took over third place in the Under 23

contest for a \$134 Hoover portable vacuum cleaner with his second three pointer in three games.

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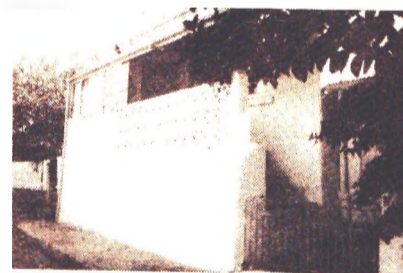
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