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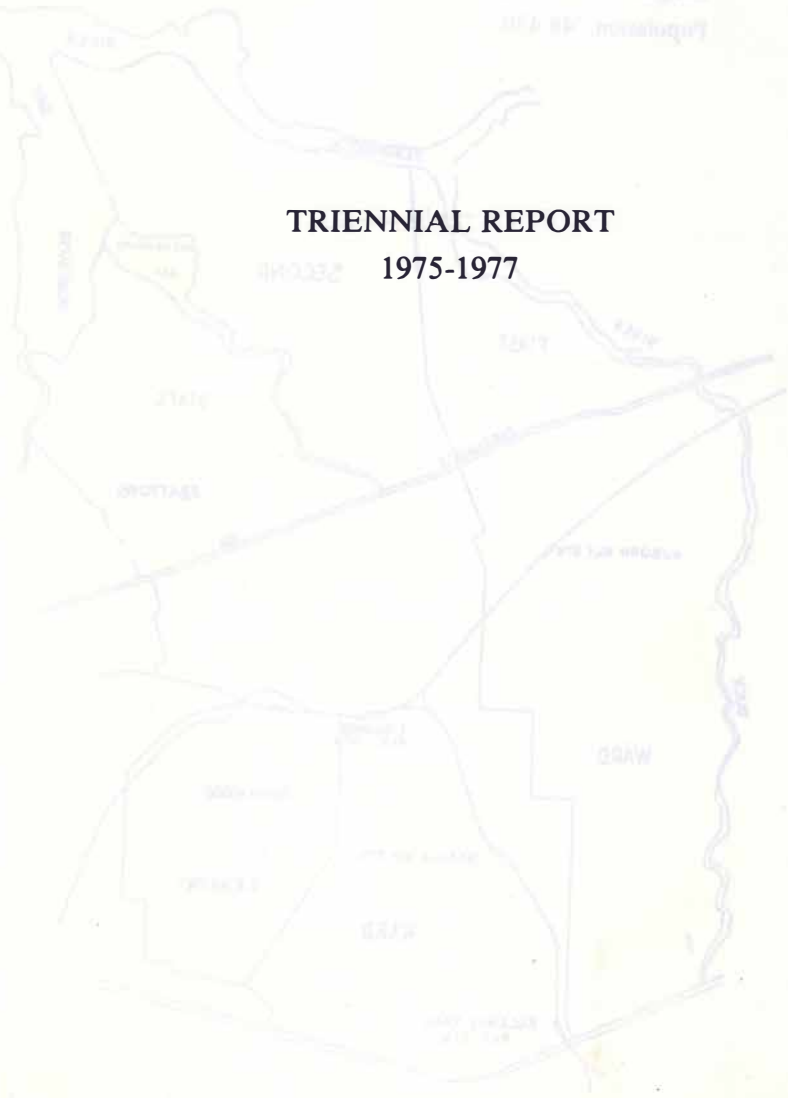
TRIENNIAL REPORT

1975-1977



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Population 1975-1977
Area of Municipality 1100 ha
Length of Roadways 100 km
Perimeter 48 km

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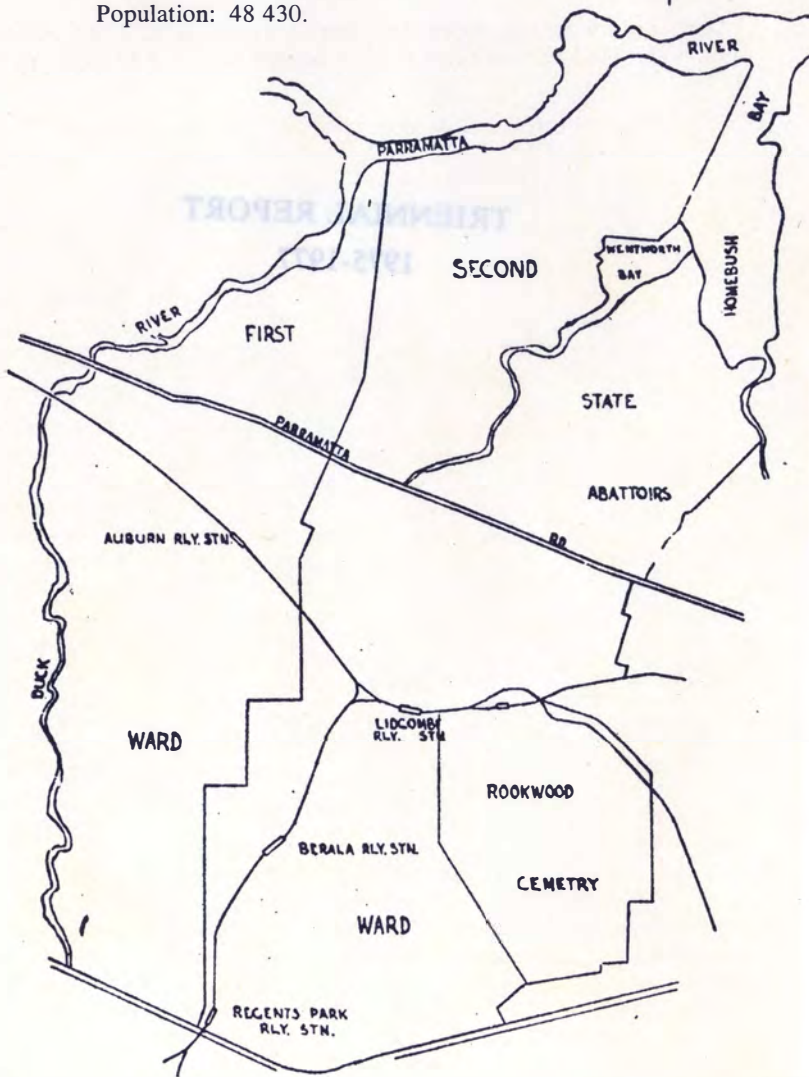
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Reduction ratio: 55 440 : 1.

Area of Municipality: 3152 ha.

Length of Roadways: 197.95 km.

Population: 48 430.



INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure that I am able, on behalf of my Aldermanic colleagues, to present to the ratepayers and residents of the Municipality, an outline of civic affairs covering the triennial period which is almost finished.

This report also includes the initial mayoral term when Alderman S. L. Hedges was Mayor from September 1974 to September 1975.

The national inflationary problem has, of course, had its effect on Local Government and the Council has endeavoured to maintain a satisfactory level of works and services whilst at the same time examining every avenue with the object of maintaining the rate levy at an acceptable level.

It is interesting to note that the State Government during 1976 passed legislation for the purpose of limiting rate increases by Councils to 12%, yet, despite this limitation, Auburn Municipality, by careful budgeting and planning, was able to restrict its rate increase for the current year to 4.5%.

Although a certain amount of relief has been experienced in recent years in relation to annual contributions to statutory authorities, Council is still faced with contributions approximating \$400,000 which include those to the Sydney County Council for street lighting (\$176,000) to the Board of Fire Commissioners (\$96,000) and to the State Planning and Environment Commission (\$111,000) for the year 1977. Loss of funds to these items and diminished revenue from rates in respect of a significant high level of non-ratable land throughout the Municipality, continues to be reflected in the burden carried by ratepayers generally.

Following the change of Government at the last State elections, certain amendments to the Local Government Act have occurred and the more important of these affect ratepayers and residents alike. Perhaps the two of more direct interest would be:-

Rating:

In an endeavour to assist in reducing the inflationary spiral and, at the same time, provide a measure of relief to ratepayers from annual rate increases considered excessive, this amendment now fixes the increased levy at a prescribed maximum and as mentioned earlier, your Council has effectively managed its budgetary planning to be well within the statutory limit.

Electoral Changes:

For the last twelve years, municipal elections have been conducted under a preferential voting system with non-compulsory

voting. The amending legislation now generally restores the system as prevailed in 1965 which provides for:-

- (a) Re-introduction of **compulsory** voting for all **residents** of the Municipality thus recognising the comparative importance of voting in local government elections as related to those for State and Federal bodies.
- (b) Shortening of hours during which the polling booths will remain open. Previously, municipal elections were held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and the amendment now provides that booths will close at **6:00 p.m.** which will enable earlier counting of votes with accompanying earlier indications of likely results.
- (c) Abandonment of the preferential system of voting in favour of the proportional representation system which is used in the conduct of Senate election counts.

Arising from the above amendments, is the need for electors to observe the requirements of compulsory voting. Also, it is advisable to register an early vote as some delays can occur in "late rush" voting. In this regard, electors who formerly voted between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., are advised that it would be prudent to attend the polling booths during the normally very slack period, i.e., 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and thus be assured of no delays in registering a vote.

Another recent development in local government is the activities of the Boundaries Commission in complying with a reference from the State Government to "report the question whether the municipality and shires wholly, or partly, within the County of Cumberland as now existing and constituted, are suitable and appropriate areas to secure adequate, effective and orderly planning within the said County and proper, economical and efficient local government under existing conditions and any developments thereof which may reasonably be expected to occur, and if not, what alterations in the said municipalities and shires are necessary or desirable in order to secure, promote and facilitate adequate, effective and orderly planning and proper, economical and efficient local government throughout the said areas."

This investigation into the proposed amalgamation of local government areas has met with strong opposition from member councils of the Local Government Association due to the belief that "bigger is not always better" and Auburn Council also subscribes to that theory. It is considered that to amalgamate the Municipality of Auburn with say, the Municipality of Holroyd and Parramatta City, will destroy our identity and also cause the loss of the close contact that electors enjoy with their elected representatives in our present "local" government system.

An assurance is given that this Council is completely opposed to any absorption into another area and in this connection, it has resolved to conduct a poll in conjunction with the municipal elections to be held on September 17, 1977, to enable all electors to express their views, as it is of the firm opinion that the vast majority will endorse this view, which will permit appropriate representations to be made to the Minister in order that the existing municipality remains intact with its present identity.

THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER INCREASES THE NEED FOR REGISTERING A VOTE ON POLLING DAY as it may be the final opportunity to have a direct say in the future of your Municipality as it exists to-day.

FINANCE

During the term, Council has been very mindful of the need for sound economic management and at this stage, mention should be made of the excellent efforts of the Estimates Committee which continued to function as a very satisfactory adviser to Council when performing the difficult task of compiling annual estimates of income and expenditure for consideration. The establishment of priorities relating to public works, services and capital expenditure items is a perennial problem and members of the Committee have at all times displayed a keen sense of responsibility in this direction.

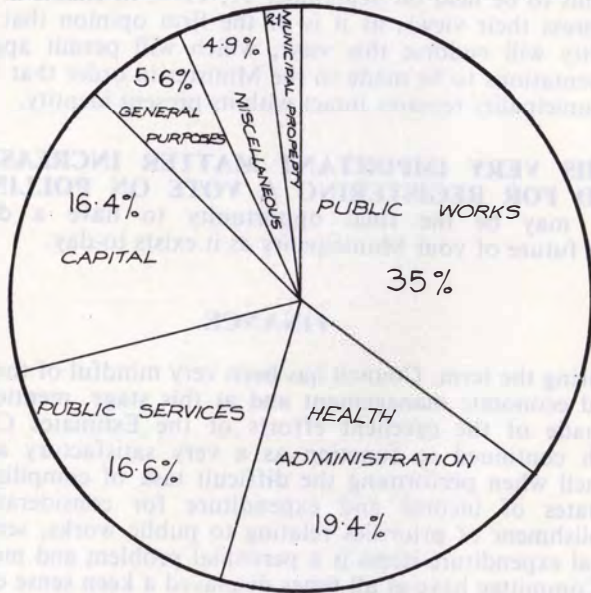
Fortunately, the relief provided from grants received through the Local Government Assistance Fund and the Grants Commission has been of some measure of assistance to Council in keeping rate levies within a range which compares more than favourably with most metropolitan local government areas.

These factors have combined to produce the effect of a stable financial position which apparently is also to the satisfaction of Council's Auditor and Inspectors of Accounts at the Local Government Department as evidenced by reports submitted during the triennial period.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THREE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER, 1977

Aggregate expenditure over the period was \$18,419,177 and a more detailed dissection of this total follows in both diagrammatic and tabulated form.

% EXPENDITURE RELATED TO EACH DOLLAR



Expenditure

	1975	1976	1977	Total
General Purposes	291,169	326,106	415,417	1,032,692
Public Works	1,961,308	2,337,916	2,147,190	6,446,414
Health Administration	1,369,658	1,251,570	959,690	3,580,918
Public Services	904,290	1,094,148	1,058,318	3,056,756
Municipal Property	107,057	115,192	158,918	381,167
Miscellaneous	235,833	311,248	352,063	899,144
Capital	951,745	1,404,024	666,317	3,022,086
	<u>5,821,060</u>	<u>6,840,204</u>	<u>5,757,913</u>	<u>18,419,177</u>

Income

General Purposes	3,538,705	4,622,136	4,559,429	12,720,270
Public Works	459,298	529,909	183,870	1,173,077
Health Administration	798,653	357,939	159,180	1,315,772
Public Services	308,345	428,168	216,134	952,647
Municipal Property	23,636	26,040	49,800	99,476
Miscellaneous	114,039	84,112	389,500	587,651
Capital	505,716	910,005	200,000	1,615,721
	<u>5,748,392</u>	<u>6,958,309</u>	<u>5,757,913</u>	<u>18,464,614</u>

Particulars of General Rate Levy

Year	Rate in \$	Unimproved Capital Value	Yield
1975	1.17	295,713,443	3,538,705
1976	1.1	385,586,289	4,172,351
1977	*	396,063,928	4,446,659

* The Local Government Act was amended in respect to the 1977 rating year and the rate was expressed as a 4.5% increase on 1976 rates.

Public Works

Details of Expenditure -

Road construction (including main and secondary roads)	2,382,370
Road maintenance (including main and secondary roads)	1,338,338
Stormwater drain construction and maintenance	65,982
Footpath paving construction and maintenance	318,402
Kerbing and guttering construction and maintenance	36,781
Street and gutter cleaning	395,393
	<u>4,537,166</u>

AUBURN BOTANIC GARDENS

The Auburn Botanic Gardens was to be a project to be developed over a period of many years when Council decided at a meeting held on February 28, 1968, to reserve the area from garbage disposal operations. Council felt that the 9.7 hectare tract of land bounded by Chisholm Road, Chiswick Road and Duck River should be intensely beautified as a means of improving the landscape and extending the parks systems to provide a complete range of recreational facilities. During 1973 the Sydney Western Region Improvement Programme was initiated by the Commonwealth Government to correct, as far as possible, the deficiencies experienced by Councils in the Sydney Western Region, and to make the area a more pleasant place in which to live. When Council's application for funds from the Sydney Western Region Improvement Programme was approved to the extent of \$270,000 in January 1974, work proceeded until the exhaustion of the first Commonwealth Grant on June 30, 1974, but continued without interruption after February 1975, due to the fortuitous timing of further Commonwealth Grants and allocations by Auburn Council. Work on the Botanic Gardens was undertaken in conjunction with the dredging of sections of Duck River, formation of a river-side walk and establishment of two soccer fields and tree, shrub and plant nursery, all of which were included in the Commonwealth Grants. From June 1975 to January 1976, funds from the Regional Employment Development Scheme amounting to \$291,000 became available and enabled the construction of the Woodland Theatre Building, the Park Amenity Building and Australian Native Gardens etc. The history of the funding which considerably shortened the initial long term development approach to the project is as follows:-

Allocation by Auburn Council for survey and earthworks and expended prior to 1973	\$ 2,500
Commonwealth 1973-74 Area Improvement Programme Grant	\$270,000
Commonwealth 1974-1975 Area Improvement Programme Grant	\$124,000
Commonwealth Regional Employment Development (R.E.D.) Scheme Grants	\$291,000
Commonwealth 1975-1976 Area Improvement Programme Grant	\$140,000
Allocation by Auburn Council from Park Improvement funds from residential flat building approvals	\$52,000
Allocation by Auburn Council in March 1976	\$200,000
Allocation by Auburn Council in conjunction with the 1977 Annual Estimates	\$200,000

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE AUBURN BOTANIC GARDENS

Council has made arrangements for His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., K.St.J., Governor of New South Wales, and Lady Cutler, to open the Auburn Botanic Gardens for use by the public on September 11, 1977. The Gardens will have within its framework the following features:-

Enclosed Japanese Hill and Lake Garden which has a ceremonial Tea House, inner and outer Tea House Garden, Flat Garden, Zen Garden, Moon Gate, stroll pathways, passageway gardens, stepping stones, timber and stone bridges, islands, pond edges, waterfalls, rapids, walls and gates, traditional stone groupings and zig-zag bridge. Trees and plants used in the Japanese Garden include native and exotic species.

Scented Garden - shaped somewhat like a four leafed clover, each clover leaf being planted to produce, where possible, spring, summer, autumn and winter scents. This garden is provided with seating and will be readily accessible to disabled persons, as will most parts of the Botanic Gardens.

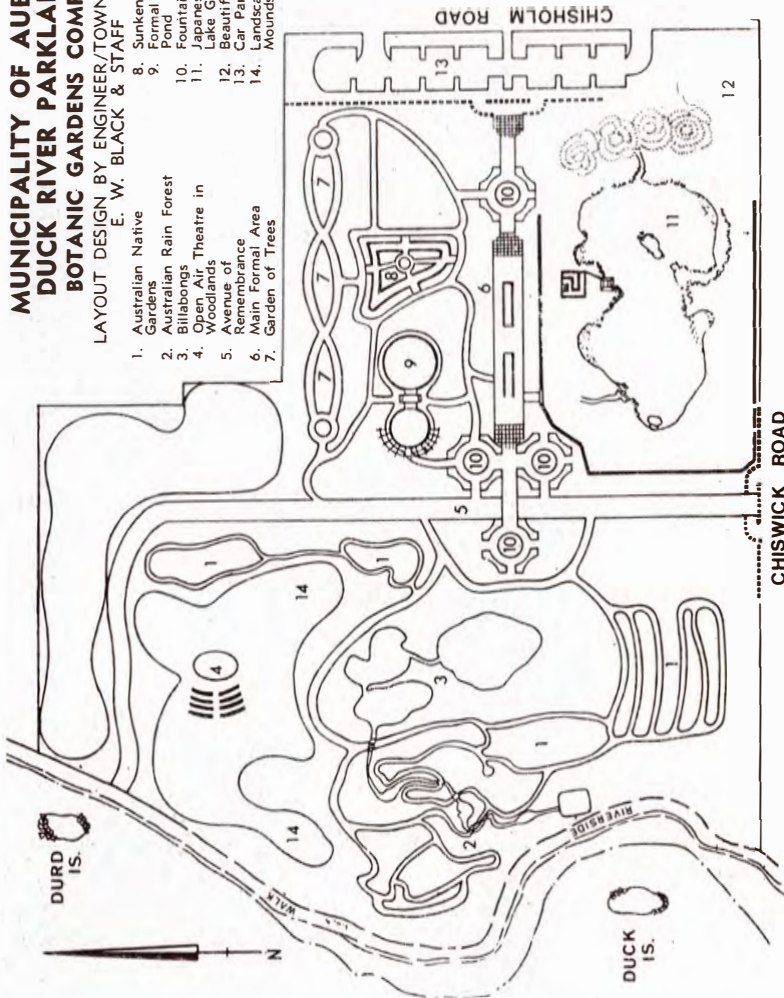
Open Air Theatre has a stage building and public amenities and can seat approximately 1,000 persons. The spectator portion comprises a grassed valley in between small mountains, and is the sole feature of the Botanic Gardens constructed on the previous garbage disposal area.

Avenue of Remembrance was the subject of a tree planting ceremony on September 9, 1973, and comprises an avenue of Tallowood (*Eucalyptus Microcorys*) trees starting from Chiswick

**MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN
DUCK RIVER PARKLANDS
BOTANIC GARDENS COMPLEX**

LAYOUT DESIGN BY ENGINEER/TOWN PLANNER
E. W. BLACK & STAFF

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| 1. Australian Native Gardens | 8. Sunken Rose Garden |
| 2. Australian Rain Forest | 9. Formal Ornamental Pond |
| 3. Billabongs | 10. Fountains |
| 4. Open Air Theatre in Woodlands | 11. Japanese Hill and Lake Garden |
| 5. Avenue of Remembrance | 12. Beautified Outer Area |
| 6. Main Formal Area | 13. Car Park |
| 7. Garden of Trees | 14. Landscaped Earth Mounds |





JAPANESE GARDEN AND LAKE AREA — BOTANIC GARDENS

Road and extending on the northern side of the Open Air Theatre and terminating at the northern end of the Billabong. All trees, shrubs etc., planted west and south of the Avenue of Remembrance are Australian natives.

The Billabong - a grassed, saucer-shaped area surrounded by native trees with a shallow lake edged with small dolerite stones. A sandstone outcrop has been provided on the eastern side to allow planting of Flannel Flowers, Waratahs, Grevilleas etc.

Australian Native Garden is entered on the eastern side through a timber pole pergola. The raised garden beds have been formed by sandstone boulders retaining crushed sandstone. Informal pathways radiate through the Native Garden, in which are planted Banksias, Wattles, Eucalyptus, Hakeas, Grevilleas, etc.

Garden of Trees is located along the northern boundary of the Gardens. The curved pathways form a three-looped chain. The eastern portion is planted with early spring flowering trees and shrubs. The middle loop is planted with late spring and early summer trees and shrubs. Autumn tinted trees and shrubs have been planted in the western portion. A Camellia Walk has been formed along the southern side of the Garden of Trees.

Sunken Rose Garden has been established east of the Scented Garden and has access ramps as well as specially designed circular brick steps.

Floral Clock is located adjacent to the Public Amenity Building, has a tiled face depicting Council's emblem and is circled by a brick pathway and gardens. The clock numerals are formed from small plants. Bird songs indicate the passing of the hours.

A Picnic Area is provided at the western end of Chiswick Road.

The long term planning of the Duck River Parkland as Open Space by the Cumberland County Council in 1951, Auburn Council's inclusion in the historic Area Improvement Programme and the acceptance of the Botanic Gardens as having regional significance together with the consistent parks and recreational policy decisions by Auburn Council, have all harmonised in a burst of construction and landscaping which has shaped the Gardens to its permanent profile by the ornamental use of water, stones, hills and trees.

CENTRAL WORKS DEPOT

The Central Works Depot Site at Boorea Street, Lidcombe, was the subject of a special lease from the Department of

Lands and as the lease was due for expiry and could not be renewed, it was necessary to find a suitable alternative site upon which a new depot complex could be erected.

A location on the south side of Chiswick Road at its western end was selected and the project was commenced prior to this triennial term but was the subject of litigation due to faults in the finished construction and resulted in an award to Council by the Court in the sum of \$292,000.

Work was re-commenced and completed, ready for occupation in June 1975, which has enabled a more efficient operation of public works staff activities, an acceptable standard of amenities for all of Council's wages staff and the exercising of a higher degree of security over the many valuable items of plant and stores which are kept at this location.

The former depot site has now reverted to the use for which it was originally intended, i.e., part of Wyatt Park, and will be absorbed into the land recently acquired by Council by way of an exchange of land with the G.E.C. Co. which is outlined in more detail later within this report.

SURRENDER AND EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL AND PARK LANDS IN PERCY STREET, LIDCOMBE, AND WILSON PARK, SILVERWATER

During 1973, Council established a development control plan for the redevelopment of the G.E.C. industrial property in Percy Street, Lidcombe, with the object of regulating the future industrial use of the land and buildings in such a way as to cause minimum interference with the amenity of the adjacent Residential A zone. The development control plan caused the redevelopment scheme to be abandoned, and after consultation with the Department of Lands, an exchange was agreed upon on the basis that the G.E.C. would surrender their property in Percy Street to Auburn Council to be used as an extension to Wyatt Park, in return for an equal area at the south end of Wilson Park, which would be rezoned for industrial purposes. The Department of Lands' recommendation of value for both sites was the same and, therefore, an equal area of land at Wilson Park became the property of G.E.C. The exchange was mutually beneficial as the G.E.C. Percy Street site is centrally located to a large residential population and, being placed between Lidcombe and Auburn railway stations is well suited as an extension to Wyatt Park. The surrender and exchange proposal was approved by the Metropolitan Land Board on September 30, 1974.

The Minister for Planning and Environment approved of the suspension of the provision of the Auburn Planning Scheme and

the making of an Interim Development Order rezoning the respective proposals. Accordingly, the 6.913 hectares in Wilson Park were rezoned General Industrial 4A on November 28, 1975, and the Percy Street land zoning was changed from Industrial to Open Space zoning on the same date. The Percy Street land was placed under the control of Auburn Council for use as a park and recreation area on December 12, 1975. Also, on December 16, 1975, a lease was entered into between the G.E.C. and Auburn Council in respect of the Percy Street, land and gave the G.E.C. continuity of use of the land up to April 14, 1977, subject to various conditions, including the payment of \$107,000 as rental. Demolition of all the buildings on the northern sector of the Percy Street area was effected in 1976. Demolition of the remainder of the industrial buildings, with the exception of the Caretaker's Cottage and the Bond Store, now occupied by the Amateur Basketball Association of N.S.W., is currently being undertaken.

At a meeting held on April 6, 1977, Council allocated the area for different recreations such as basketball, netball, athletics, football, children's playground and rest park, stroll pathways and parking areas. In May 1977, arrangements were made with the N.S.W. Netball Association to lease portion of the new section of Wyatt Park to the Association for the erection of a State Headquarters and Community Recreation Centre. The lease of the bond store building to the Amateur Basketball Association of N.S.W., as a basketball stadium, was also confirmed.

SWIMMING CENTRE

As a part of its policy of continually exploring avenues of economy, Council embarked upon a thorough examination of existing organisation at the Swimming Centre as related to the feasibility of a leasing arrangement whereby the standard of service and facilities available to the general public, swimming clubs, schools, etc., could be retained and at the same time, savings effectively obtained for the ratepayers.

This resulted in Council eventually deciding upon the leasing alternative and since the commencement of the lease agreement with the lessee, the desirable objectives of Council have been attained.

To permit year-round training of swimmers, some of whom have represented Australia at the Commonwealth or Olympic Games, and to assist in the treatment of asthmatics and people with similar respiratory problems, Council also decided to provide a heated enclosed pool within the Centre. It was decided to heat the thirty three metre training pool and enclose same with a suitable structure and extensive investigations

and inspections took place prior to determining the method of enclosure.

Eventually, a conventional type building was selected in preference to air supported plastic domes and similar proposals and this was officially opened to the public on April 3, 1976. Unfortunately, the forces of nature broke loose during November 1976 when the Municipality was hammered by a hailstorm of an unprecedented nature (more details mentioned elsewhere in this report) with the result that major damage was caused to the building to the extent that required its demolition.

It is Council's desire that the pool enclosure be replaced as early as practicable and as it was fully insured prior to the damage being caused, all possible steps are being taken in this direction.

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME UNITS

Council continues to pursue an active programme in the provision of home units for aged persons and since this very desirable policy was implemented, has been involved directly or indirectly in the establishment of 65 units at Auburn and Lidcombe.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the former Lidcombe Town Hall, extension of existing tenancies and renovation of the building was considered to be both impractical and uneconomic, and following these decisions, much thought was given to the future of the site.

Accordingly, Council's architects were instructed to investigate the feasibility of adapting the site for the purpose of erecting aged persons home units with the result that plans were prepared for the erection of a further 20 units at this location. Early this year, advice was received from the Department of Social Security that Council could expect to receive financial assistance towards the project during the 1977/78 financial year and although the amount of the subsidy has been decreased since the original application for subsidy was lodged with that Department, Council resolved to proceed with construction of the units.

At a meeting held on June 15, 1977, a tender in the sum of \$323,266 was accepted with a completion time of 36 weeks and of this amount, a subsidy of \$239,120 will be receivable.

To retain some of the historical significance of the site, arrangements have been made with the builders to incorporate

all plaques, etc., set into the existing building, within the design of the new construction, thus ensuring their preservation.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The libraries have had a busy three years. Apart from issuing books to people who come into the libraries, deposits of books are made regularly to nursing homes, hospitals and schools. Individual 'Shut-in' borrowers are catered for with books chosen by the library staff and delivered by Community Aid drivers on a voluntary basis.

School visits to all three libraries are made on a regular basis and instruction is given on the use of the library if the children are old enough. Others have stories read or told to them, are shown a film or have some kind of craft activity instruction. In the past three years it has been possible for the libraries to become members of the Sydney Children's Libraries' Film Circuit, so that films can be borrowed regularly. These films are often based on children's books so that it is possible to relate the film to a particular book or author.

Activities for children have also been promoted in the school holidays and have proved very popular, especially at Auburn library which has a great many migrant children on its doorstep. Activities have included chess and draughts competitions, quizzes, charades, junk sculpture, drawing and painting, model making, mask making etc. Children have been encouraged to come into the library at any time and sit and read or play a game, and some children do come in regularly each afternoon and amuse themselves quietly.

During 1976 over 1,000 books in various languages were borrowed by migrants who live in the area. The State Library provides boxes of books in about 20 different languages which can be borrowed by public libraries to lend to people in their area.

Books have also been borrowed on Inter Library Loan on any subject, if the book has not been in stock in one of our own libraries. All Sydney Libraries specialize in certain subjects and lend those books to each other when required.

The libraries now have quite a number of Large Print books for people who have difficulty reading normal print. The scope and subject matter of these books are now expanding considerably.

Various local art and craft groups have held exhibitions in the libraries, and competitions, particularly those connected with Children's Book Weeks, have proved popular.

Auburn Art Society meets in the room above Auburn Library each Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m., the Photography Group meets each Wednesday night at 8.00 p.m. in the same room and the Auburn District Historical Society meets usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Room 1, Town Hall Chambers. Notices concerning all these groups appear in Auburn Library. New members are most welcome to all meetings.

Both Council and the Historical Society are anxious to obtain possession of any photographs, magazines, etc. which are of historical significance to the Municipality, and co-operation of residents in this connection is sought.

Local groups and societies are reminded that the libraries are very willing to display posters, etc., concerning local activities.

Libraries are information centres. Any enquiry is welcome and the staff will do their best to find the answer.

At the end of 1976, the libraries had a total membership of nearly 16,000 borrowers, the total number of books in stock was 89,000 and the number of books issued in 1976 was approximately 430,000.

Due to the inadequacy of the existing Central library, Council has decided to press ahead with plans for the construction of a new Central Library building on a site opposite the Council Chambers.

Some difficulties have been encountered with property acquisition but it is anticipated that these will be overcome in the very near future to enable the project to proceed.

CAR PARKING AREAS

For some time, Council has been vigorously engaged in efforts to establish a multi-storey car parking station at Lidcombe in close proximity to the Railway Station.

The proposed site is bounded by Tooheys Lane and Bridge Street at the rear of hotel premises and adjoining the Baby Health Centre. It would be possible on this land to construct a covered walkway from the parking area to the Railway Station steps which would give all-weather access to parking station users who would not have to cope with heavy traffic situations.

This project has been delayed due to Department of Main Roads requirements and the establishment of final street

alignments associated with the proposed Lidcombe shopping centre traffic by-pass, and negotiations in this regard are continuing. Those sections of the community vitally interested in the completion of this project are assured of Council's determination to see it through to finality at the earliest possible date.

Land was also acquired at the intersection of Harrow Road and Queen Street, Auburn, following the closure of a service station at this location and the site has received the appropriate treatment to provide parking space for an additional 46 vehicles, as this area adjoined an existing car park. Lighting, seating and landscaping have also been provided.

STORM DAMAGE

During November 1976, a hailstorm of great force struck the Municipality (as previously mentioned in the Swimming Centre report) causing great havoc and several million dollars worth of damage to property and motor vehicles etc.

House roofs were either completely destroyed or very badly damaged, trees and gardens denuded, motor vehicles very badly dented, while bowling and golf greens were heavily pockmarked.

The enormity of the damage was not fully realised until the following day when Council offered to render assistance to those affected by providing temporary roof covering materials to prevent further damage until proper repairs could be effected.

In the following days, Council extended assistance of this nature to over 400 homeowners involving Council staff in extra-ordinary working hours and conditions.

I now publicly express my appreciation to State Emergency Service members, Council Staff and other volunteers who responded so magnificently during this period.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION — ROOKWOOD CEMETERY

Those motorists travelling towards or from Strathfield along Arthur Street or by way of Dalley Street during peak hours, can readily testify to the frustrating delays and dangerous conditions in the vicinity of the two railway bridges in this area.

Council is also well aware of this situation and, as a means of providing a great deal of relief from these conditions,

has actively pursued a proposal for the construction of a road through Rookwood Cemetery grounds adjoining and parallel to the railway line and connecting Arthur and East Street.

Design work for the road is already in hand and negotiations are proceeding with the Department of Main Roads, the Public Transport Commission and the Necropolis Trust with respect to construction and finances, railway line re-location, and re-positioning of graves affected by the scheme.

This by-pass should serve as a distinct asset in alleviating adverse traffic conditions in the locality and greatly reduce bottlenecks which prevent the smooth flow of traffic through Lidcombe.

Completion of this project is quite high on Council's current priorities.

COMPUTERISATION AND MICROFILMING

In keeping with modern trends, a great deal of thought has gone into improvement of Council's administration systems with a view to streamlining the day-to-day functions of certain office routines and systems.

The first step in this direction was to commence the micro-filming and cataloguing of old records in such a way that they could be integrated within prevailing filing systems. This action has also resulted in greatly alleviating storage problems as well as overcoming difficulties caused by deterioration in records kept over long periods which in some cases, exceed eighty years.

Although Council's accounting systems were almost completely mechanised, the question of computerisation has been under examination for some time in order that the two alternatives available could receive proper consideration. The first of these alternatives involved the purchase by Council of its own computer which would have represented a great capital outlay and the second was to take part in bureau computer facilities by paying an annual fee for the use of the service.

The second alternative was adopted, and initially, it was decided to place only rate records within the system and to make other uses apply on a later programme in order that a minimum of inconvenience would occur during and after the conversion period. Council opted for the bureau services provided by Bankstown Municipal Council and thus joined in with approximately thirty other Councils which are using this facility.



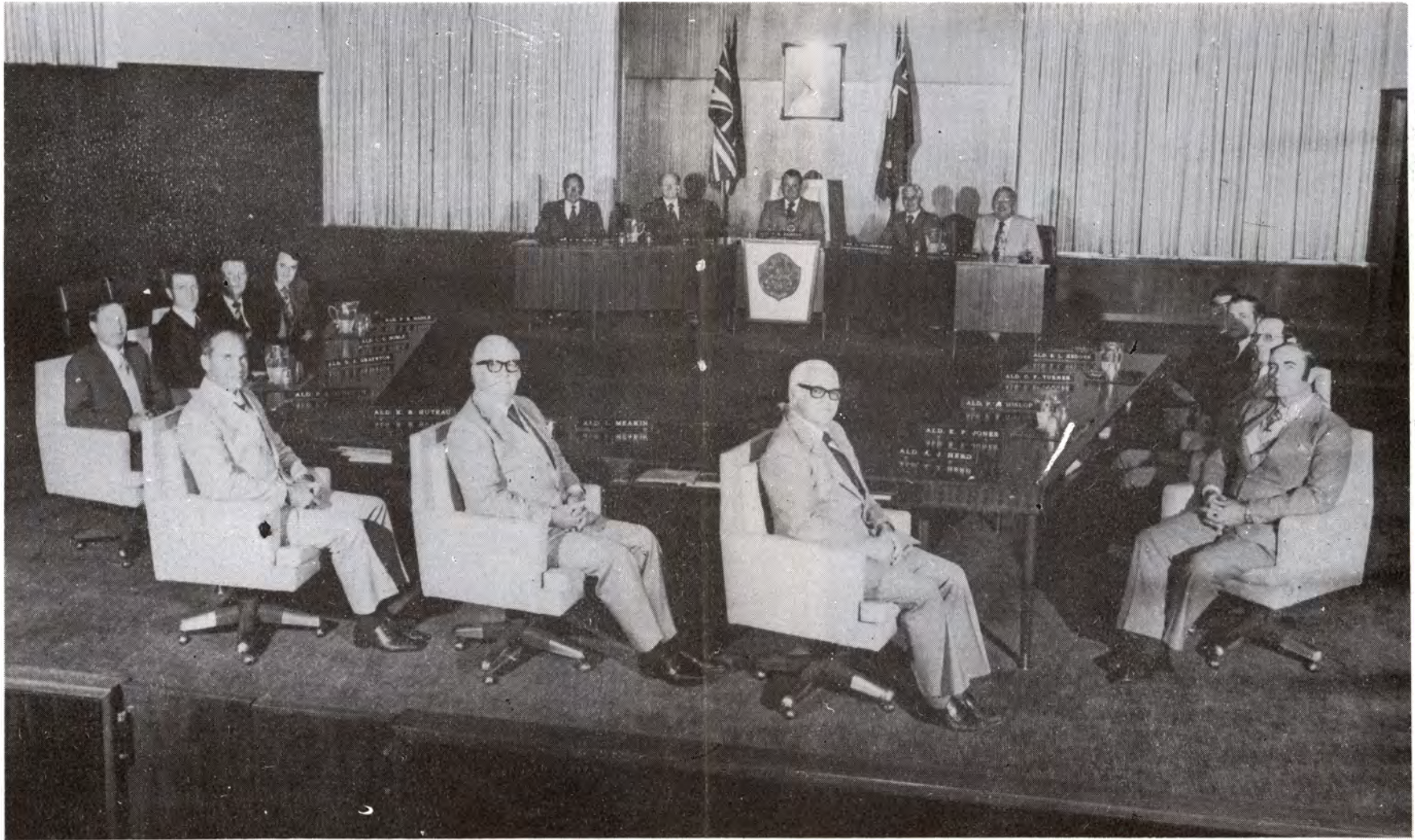
ALDERMAN T. H. KEEGAN, J.P.
MAYOR, 1975-1977

COUNCIL IN SESSION — M



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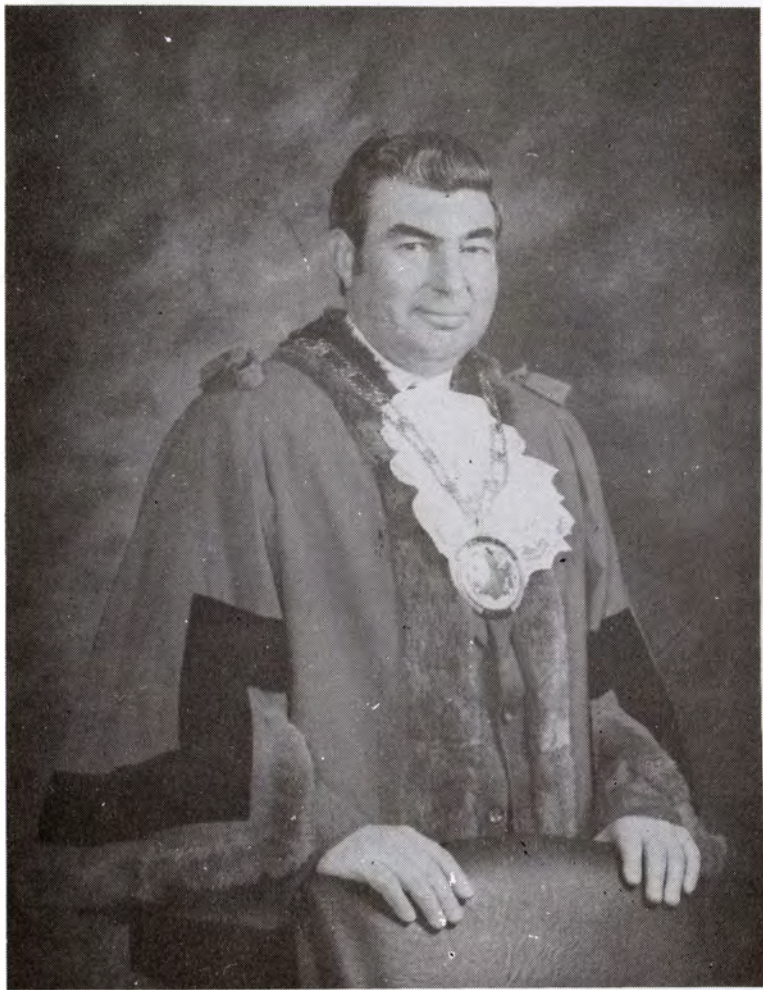


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MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN



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As with all computer conversion schemes, minor inconveniences occurred during the first period of operation but it is considered that these problems have now been settled and Council can enjoy the information retrieval advantages available within such systems without any further complications.

N.S.W. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY AND LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

In an endeavour to streamline all traffic matters within the State, the N.S.W. Traffic Authority was established in 1976. Prior to the establishment of the Traffic Authority, five Departments as well as local councils, were independently involved in road traffic matters with overlapping of interests, duplication of activities and a lack of co-ordination as regards policy. Various committees existed to deal with or co-ordinate some functions, but member Departments were not bound by committee decisions. The Traffic Advisory Committee, which represented Departments now on the Traffic Authority, was one such committee which functioned without statutory powers, and its effectiveness was severely limited on this account.

There was obviously a need to establish a single decision-making traffic authority so as to offer a unified approach to growing traffic problems.

State Parliament passed legislation in April 1976. This took effect from June 1, from which date the Traffic Authority assumed full responsibility for road traffic control throughout New South Wales.

The Authority has four official members, namely Commissioners for Motor Transport, Main Roads, Police and Planning and Environment. It also has two appointed members to represent Local Government, one from the Council of the City of Sydney and one nominated jointly by the Local Government Association of New South Wales and the Shires Association of New South Wales. The Commissioner for Motor Transport is Chairman of the Authority.

The Authority is charged with the following responsibilities:

- (a) Reviewing traffic arrangements in the State concerning the movement, regulation and control of traffic and the parking of vehicles.
- (b) Formulating or adopting plans and proposals for the improvement of those arrangements.

- (c) Establishing general standards and general principles in connection with design, construction, erection, affixing, marking, maintenance, repair, alteration, operation or removal of traffic control facilities; the design of intersections and approaches thereto and approaches to railway level crossings, for purposes of road safety and the movement, regulation and control of traffic.
- (d) Establishing priorities for works that are funded by the Traffic Authority.
- (e) Promoting traffic safety.
- (f) Co-ordinating activities of public authorities necessary to implement its plans and proposals.

On July 1, 1976, the Department of Main Roads assumed responsibility for all road maintenance and construction activities concerned with traffic management and traffic facilities, and from that date, Council referred all traffic facility matters and traffic management work on both classified and non-classified roads to the Department of Main Road.

Part of the overall strategy of the Traffic Authority of New South Wales was to delegate to local Councils the power to decide what minor facilities might be available to solve traffic problems on local roads. This involved the formation of local traffic committees, and the first meeting of the Auburn Traffic Committee was held on Thursday, September 30, 1976. The Traffic Committee at this stage, comprised representatives of the Auburn Municipal Council, the Police Department and the Department of Main Roads. Subsequently, the Traffic Authority decided that the Local Member of Parliament was also entitled to representation.

The Department of Main Roads is still responsible for major facilities such as priority road schemes, transit lanes, clearways etc., and minor facilities such as "Stop" and "Give Way" signs, "No Right Turn", parking restrictions etc. which occur on a highway, main road or secondary road, and correspondence in relation to these matters is to be directed to the Divisional Engineer, Department of Main Roads. In the case of the above minor facilities on local Council roads, correspondence, in the first instance, is directed to the Town Clerk.

In relation to taxi cab stands, bus stands, bus stops etc., the responsibility in this area still rests with the Department

of Motor Transport or the Public Transport Commission, depending on whether the bus route is a private or government responsibility.

TOWN PLANNING

Development applications for Residential Flat Buildings in the Triennial period numbered 18; all of which were approved.

Similarly, 5 applications were received for town house development and all 5 were approved.

124 applications were received for commercial development, of which, 85 were approved by Council and 39 refused.

434 applications were received for industrial development, of which 377 were approved by Council and 57 were refused.

9 Applications for the development of home industries in residential areas were received, 6 were refused and 3 approved. The total development applications received for all zonings were 608, of which, 505 were approved and 103 refused.

Eight Interim Development Orders were proclaimed in the period and involved:- a change of zoning in connection with the R.A.A.F. Stores: The change over from Open Space zoning in a section of Wilson Park to Industrial 4 (a) and a corresponding alteration to the Industrial zoning of the G.E.C. Percy Street property from Industrial 4(a) to open space: A change of "Special Uses" zone in the Lidcombe State Hospital area: The provision of residential flat buildings for aged persons in the Kent Street, Regents Park and Mary Street, Auburn area: The change of "Special Uses" (railway) to residential 2(a) in the Potts Hill area: The alteration of zoning to permit the establishment of a Waste Disposal Depot in the brickpit in Bennelong Road, Homebush Bay: A change of zoning from "Business Special" to allow the development of a liquor store at 172 South Parade, Auburn.

21 appeals against Council's decisions in respect to development applications were lodged with the Local Government Appeals Tribunal. In 9 cases, the Local Government Appeals Tribunal's ruling adhered to Council's decision. 9 appeals were withdrawn and 3 of the appeals have not yet been finalised.

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Council, through the State Emergency Services of New South Wales, provides an active, efficient rescue, communication

and welfare section to deal with any problems arising from natural disasters in its area.

The various sections are made up of entirely voluntary personnel who have been trained and are being continually further trained for the various sections of their choice.

The Local Headquarters of the Auburn Municipal Council Section are situated at Percy Street, Auburn, where regular meetings and instruction classes are held.

New personnel are required for this local branch. The local team is prepared to help in the rescue and aid of anyone affected by natural or other disasters such as the recent shocking Granville train crash, severe flooding, fires, earthquakes etc. The service may also be called upon to help when such requests are channelled through the State Emergency Headquarters, or the local Police Department. Volunteers should make enquiries through the local controller, Mr. W.B. Howes, telephone 649.6011 during office hours or 634.5175 outside office hours and at week ends.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Red Cross Blood Bank

Blood transfusions are an essential requisite for the saving of life at all hospitals, particularly for accidents, major surgery and child birth.

Mobile Units are collecting over 50% of the daily need for blood which often rises to as much as 1,000 units per day. This means 1,000 people are required to donate each day.

Auburn Council has always considered this to be a very important and worthwhile service and continues its arrangement with the Red Cross for the mobile unit to visit the Auburn Town Hall several times throughout the year for the convenience of donors.

Everyone knows the importance of blood and its need cannot be over emphasised. We urgently need more donors. We would be happy to have twice the number of Clinics each year.

There were 12 Clinics during the triennial period and the total yearly donations were:-

YEAR	DONORS
1975.....	676
1976.....	754
1977.....	361
	<u>1,791</u>

Our sincere thanks are extended to the ladies of the local Red Cross for their valuable assistance at these Clinics.

Mobile Nursing Service

The Council's Mobile Nursing Service, which is available to residents within the Municipality requiring home care, continues to be in very great demand.

Continuous nursing care is provided for patients in their own home and the environment they are accustomed to among their own relatives and friends.

Some equipment such as wheel chairs, walking aids, commode chairs etc., are loaned where necessary.

The staff conducting this service consists of 3 permanent nurses and 1 casual nurse. These dedicated ladies, by their care and attention, have developed a patient-nurse relationship which makes life for the chronically ill person far more pleasant than it would be otherwise.

Licences	1975	1976	1977
Smallgoods	94	85	73
Barbers	37	32	32
Refreshment rooms	68	63	60
Fruit shops	43	39	38
Butcher shops	37	32	31
Fish shops	9	8	4
Un-illuminated signs	544	515	520
Illuminated signs	313	288	280

Baby Health Centres

Attendance at the Baby Health Centres has steadily increased and the following figures are monthly averages:-

Babies under 1 year	550
Children - 1-2 years	25
Children over 2 years	20
Total	600
Pre-School Clinics	10
Daily Average	33

The facility of interpreters at the Auburn Centre -

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 12 noon	Turkish
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 12 noon	Arabic

has greatly eased the language problem.

TIMINGS:**Auburn****Tel. 649 8621**

Monday 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon
 Wednesday

Tuesday
 Thursday 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.
 Friday

Monday 2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. Pre-school medical check-up for children over 4 years.

Lidcombe**Tel. 649 7941**

Tuesday
 Thursday 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.
 Friday

Regents Park**Tel. 644 7540**

Monday 9.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.
 Wednesday 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Regents Park Baby Health Centre is used each Thursday between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for the treatment of pre-school children suffering with cerebral palsy.

Immunisation Clinics

	Sabin	T/A	C.D.T.
1975	3600	2998	635
1976	3312	2653	555
1977	840	740	180

The above tabulation clearly indicates that parents are still very conscious of the importance of immunisation as the most effective and successful protection for children against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

Immunisation Clinics are held one day each month in the Auburn Town Hall, and on the days scheduled, the times for clinics are 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. At all these clinics, immunisation may be obtained free of charge against:-

1. Poliomyelitis with polio virus vaccine live oral sabin trivalent.
2. Diphtheria and tetanus with C.D.T. vaccine.
3. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis with triple antigen.

Measles Immunisation

Council has resolved to co-operate with the Health Commission of N.S.W. and will participate in the common measles immunisation campaign as a further health service to the community.

If the yearly attacks of common measles with the tragedy of its complications are to be prevented, then it is the responsibility of every parent to see that those children who are unprotected should be vaccinated as soon as possible.

A separate vaccine is required for protection against German Measles (Rubella).

Interested persons are urged to obtain further information from their own Doctor or the Council's Health Department regarding immunisation against any of the above diseases.

Infectious Diseases

The number of infectious diseases notified to Council has again shown a marked decline when compared with the previous Triennial period.

This is particularly satisfying and reflects great credit with all associated with the prevention of disease, particularly the Council's immunisation campaign, and parents are urged to continue to make full use of that programme.

1975	8 Infantile diarrhoea 4 Infectious hepatitis 1 Pulmonary tuberculosis
1976	9 Infantile diarrhoea 1 Infectious hepatitis
1977	2 Hepatitis

Legal Proceedings

During the triennial period, it was considered necessary to institute legal proceedings on 27 occasions:

Unauthorised use and/or occupation	5
Breaches of the Pure Food Act 1908, as amended & Regulations	8
Unauthorised building work	3
Unauthorised signs	2
Dangerous water hole	1
Accumulation of vegetation	5
Obstruction of Council's Officer	1
Non-compliance with development consent	1
Litter	1

Total fines amounted to

\$1,535

PATROL OFFICERS

Litter

Apparently this disgraceful habit will only be eradicated by harsher methods, because even though numerous warnings were given during the immediate past 3 year period, there were still 159 cases of littering investigated, and fines imposed for 38 of those offences.

Unauthorised use of Council's Footways

Action was taken within the meaning of the relevant Ordinance for the unauthorised use of Council's footpaths for:

Erection of 23 stalls without permission.

99 Signs placed on footpaths.

216 Cars parked on footpaths.

4 Other objects placed on footways.

Obstructions on Roadways

Action was taken on 56 occasions for various obstructions on Council's roadways.

Abandoned Vehicles

The statistics indicate that though this aggravating problem continues, it has decreased slightly when compared with the previous triennial period.

Besides having a very adverse effect on the environment, these vehicles are frequently dumped in situations which create a traffic hazard.

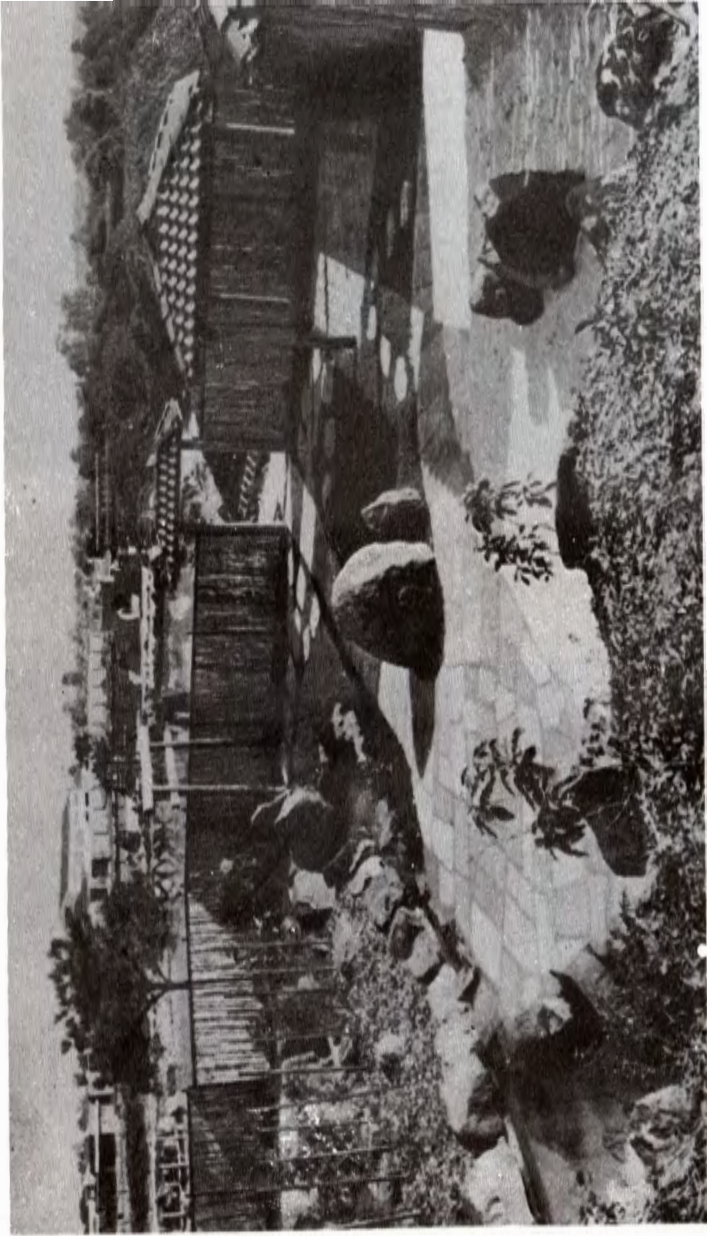
All residents are particularly requested to promptly report any apparent instances of vehicle abandonment, in order that offenders may be traced and prosecuted.

Further, when a vehicle has been abandoned in a public place, its removal is delayed because of the necessary legal procedure to be followed and early advice assists in this aspect.

We express appreciation for the co-operation of the N.S.W. Police Department and the scrap metal company for their assistance in removing these vehicles.

The following is the number of vehicles removed for the triennial period:

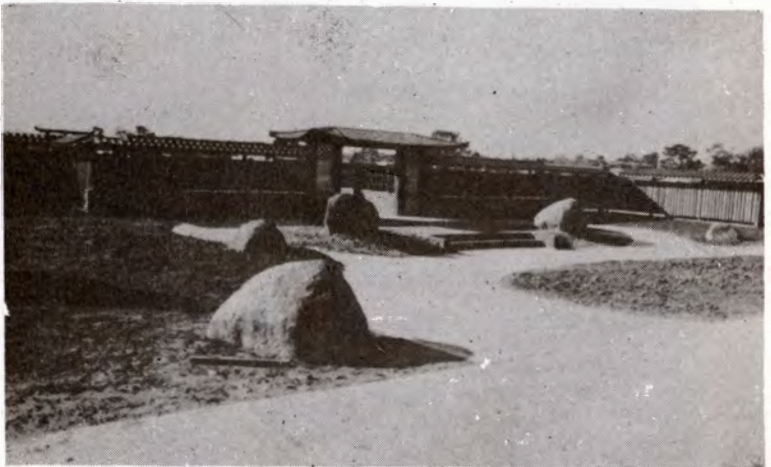
1975	1976	1977
243	288	38



JAPANESE GARDEN AND LAKE AREA — BOTANIC GARDENS



BILLABONG AREA — BOTANIC GARDENS



ENTRANCE TO BOTANIC GARDENS

Dog Registrations

The following table details the activities of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Dog Act, 1966 for the current triennial period:-

	Registered	Impounded	Fees
1975	2623	235	\$5,782.20
1976	2543	288	\$5,614.40
1977	2223	116	\$4,635.80

BUILDING APPLICATIONS

During the immediate past triennial period, Council's Building Department received a total of 1297 building applications.

The total estimated value of the new work involved with these applications was \$23,567,777 and the amount of fees paid to Council was \$19,982.

Compared with the previous period, the building work within the Municipality was decreased - most of the activity being associated with alterations and additions to existing dwellings and factories and the construction of garages, carports and various other small buildings.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDERS LICENSING ACT 1971

Amendments to the Builders Licensing Act 1971, which became effective on March 1, 1977, place new statutory obligations on all builders in New South Wales.

Certain building work which was not previously eligible for insurance under the Act, will now be eligible and new procedures need to be adopted for the submission of insurance notices to the Board.

The Act defines building work as work involved in the construction of a dwelling or the making of alterations or additions to a dwelling and includes any lift, stairway, vestibule, corridor, garage, outbuilding, inground swimming pool or other structure where the value of the work exceeds \$1,000 and approval under the Local Government Act 1919, as amended, is required.

From March 1, 1977, Councils are not permitted to forward or deliver stamped approved copies of building plans and specifications to an applicant unless the Council is satisfied that the amount, if any, payable as an insurance premium to the Board, has been duly paid or that no amount is payable in respect of that building work.

Persons contemplating building work of the type mentioned above, particularly Owner-Builders, will find a visit to the Council's Health and Building Department to discuss their proposal, prior to submitting a building application, to be quite beneficial.

SWIMMING POOLS

There are an increasing number of swimming pools being installed in private properties within this Municipality and residents are reminded that Council has a code which details requirements for construction, installation, maintenance and use of these facilities.

WASTE DISPOSAL

The Metropolitan Waste Disposal Authority was constituted in June 1971 and the Waste Disposal Act confers and imposes on that Authority, responsibilities and powers with respect to the disposal of waste within the metropolitan waste disposal region.

As it was highly desirable that a regional solid waste management plan be formulated on the basis of a thorough technical, financial and political understanding of all matters involved, the Authority resolved to develop a plan in two stages:-

Phase 1..... to develop a short term plan for the period 1975-1978

Phase 11.... to conduct a major study to develop a comprehensive long term waste management plan for the period to the 1990's.

The Authority finances its operations by receiving statutory contributions from Councils and other tip operators. The contributions are paid at a rate per tonne of garbage disposed at each tip.

Auburn Municipal Council's only disposal area, which is located at Jamieson Street, Silverwater, is used solely for the disposal of putrescible matter and domestic type clean-up material, and Residents and Ratepayers have access to this tip 7 days a week between certain hours to dump such material.

There are 3 privately owned tips within this Municipality

providing adequate, convenient and approved areas for the disposal of industrial and trade waste.

The following table details the amount of garbage received at Council's Jamieson Street tip for the immediate past triennial period and the fees paid to the Authority:-

Year	Tonnes of Garbage	Fees Paid
1975	36258·9986	\$18,505·59
1976	34205·1965	\$19,154·92
to May, 1977	14708·8476	\$ 8,236·95
Total	<u>85173·0427</u>	<u>\$45,897·46</u>

NOISE CONTROL ACT

As metropolitan and country areas become more industrialised, the community is increasingly subjected to the adverse effect of noise from industry and transport.

In addition, mechanisation of domestic appliances is increasing our exposure to noise.

The Noise Control Act, 1975, which was assented to on April 16, 1975, is to be administered by the State Pollution Control Commission and represents the first statute passed by the N.S.W. Parliament directed exclusively to the prevention or reduction of noise in the State. The previous law was in the form of incidental provisions in various statutes and all common law.

The Noise Act provides for the constitution of a Noise Advisory Committee consisting of 12 members to assist the Commission in the administration of the Act. Six members come from Government Departments, one represents the Local Government Association, one represents the Shires Association and the remaining four are persons of professional and technical qualifications.

The Act also confers and imposes powers, authorities, duties and functions relating to the control of noise and vibrations in the State Pollution Control Commission, the Maritime Services Board of N.S.W., Councils and certain other persons.

Industrial Noise

Within the meaning of the Act, a Noise Control Notice may only be served on Scheduled premises by the State Pollution

Control Commission or an Officer authorised by the Commission. Councils may serve such a Notice only on Non-Scheduled premises after consideration of a report from a suitably qualified servant.

Domestic Type Noise

Noise Abatement Orders -

The Act provides that the occupier of any premises may make a complaint to a Chamber Magistrate alleging that his occupation of those premises is affected by offensive noise and the Court (Petty Sessions) may, after taking evidence, issue an Order for the abatement of the nuisance and to prevent its recurrence.

These Orders may not be issued against the Crown Public Authorities, lawful sporting activities and prescribed classes of bodies or activities.

Noise Abatement Direction -

This type of noise control may, within the meaning of the Act, be issued by a member of the Police Force or an authorised Officer. Where it is satisfied that an offensive noise is being, or has been, emitted within the preceding 30 minutes, such directions may only be served between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Complaints relating to the emission of noise should be discussed with members of Council's Health and Building Department between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

WATER AND AIR POLLUTION

During the past three years, the number of complaints re water and air pollution have declined due in part to the changing character of land use in the Municipality and also to controls imposed by the Clean Air Act and the Clean Waters Act, 1970.

Council Officers have worked in close liaison with Officers of the State Pollution Control Commission and have complemented their work by the application of local knowledge and routine observations. Council Inspectors are authorised Officers for purposes of Section 29 of the Clean Waters Act 1970.

Analytical figures supplied to Council continue to indicate constant and continuing improvement in air and water quality in the Municipality.

The Parramatta Estuary and Duck River have responded particularly well to the efforts of all authorities concerned and

reports from fishermen boat hirers confirm the monitoring figures issued to Council by the Water Control Branch.

In fact, Duck River has achieved desired maximum in quality of water in some indices already.

VACATION PLAY CENTRES

During the school summer vacation period, Council co-operates with the N.S.W. Department of Sport and Recreation and conducts vacation play centres for school children at the Auburn North Public School, Parramatta Road, Auburn, and also at the Berala Public School, Clark Street, Berala.

These centres have capable supervisors responsible for initiating and conducting the programme of activities.

Adequate equipment for both indoor and outdoor games is available as well as handicraft material for the children's entertainment.

These centres are usually organised for January each year. The precise dates are advertised in the local newspaper.

CONCLUSION

No public body can hope to operate effectively without that spirit of community involvement and co-operation which has been so evident throughout the Municipality.

In this regard, I desire to express appreciation to my fellow Aldermen for their support and encouragement in Municipal affairs, and to Mr. Peter Cox, M.L.A. and Mr. Tom Uren, M.H.R., for their continued high degree of co-operation towards Council with the accompanying benefits to the Municipality. This appreciation is also extended to the various local organisations which, creditably, are always to the fore in offering assistance in public appeals or projects of a civic nature and, finally, to the Town Clerk and staff of Council for their loyal support and application to duties during the triennial term.

These local attitudes will, I am sure, lead to the continued progress and high level of amenities in our Municipality.

Ald. T.H. Keegan, J.P.
MAYOR.

17th August, 1977.

FACTS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Council Telephones

Office 649-6011, 649-6012, 649-6013, 649-6014, 649-6015,
649-4413.

Swimming Centre 649-9125, 649-4876.

Public Golf Course 649-9972.

Municipal Libraries - Auburn 649-4815, Lidcombe 649-9387,
Regents Park 644-7558.

Baby Health Centres - Auburn 649-8621, Lidcombe 649-7941,
Regents Park 644-7540.

Postal Address

All correspondence should be addressed to the Town Clerk,
Municipality of Auburn, Box 118, P.O., Auburn, 2144, or Council
Chambers, Auburn.

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

Electors enrolled: 31,000.

Area of Parks and Reserves: 348 acres.

Local Mobile Nursing Service

This service is located in the Council's Administrative Building,
Susan Street, Auburn, and can be contacted by ringing
649-6011, Health Department, during ordinary office hours.

Municipal Libraries

Auburn: Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 9.30
a.m. to 12 noon.

Lidcombe and Regents Park: Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to
6 p.m., Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Swimming Centre, Wyatt Park, Lidcombe

Summer Swimming Season: October 1 to March 31 (tentative).

Hours open to public: Mondays to Saturdays 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. - 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the
months of December, January and February.

Night bathing: At the Manager's discretion.

Winter Swimming Season: April 1 to September 30 (tentative).

Hours open to public: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Municipal Golf Course

Open every day except Christmas Day.

Parking Facilities for Shoppers

All main shopping centres are subject to half-hour parking
restrictions.

Adequate car parking facilities are available in Auburn,
Lidcombe, Berala and Regents Park.

Accommodation for approximately 1050 vehicles is available

at the undermentioned sites at all hours:
Susan Street adjoining the public school and at the corner
of Queen Street.
Kerr Parade - railway overbridge to Marion Street - angle
parking.
North Parade - railway overbridge to St. Hilliers Road
angle parking.
South Parade - between railway station and western overbridge.
Queen Street - between Auburn Road and Harrow Road adjacent
to the Royal Hotel.
Church Street, Lidcombe - between Olympic Drive and railway
station - angle parking.
Bridge Street, Lidcombe - at rear of hotel.
Off New Street adjacent to Bridge Street.
Berala Shopping Centre.
Mary and John Streets, Lidcombe - at rear of Court House.
Amy Street, Regents Park - at rear of shops, entrance from
Regent Street.

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