



# TRIENNIAL REPORT

1957 — 1959

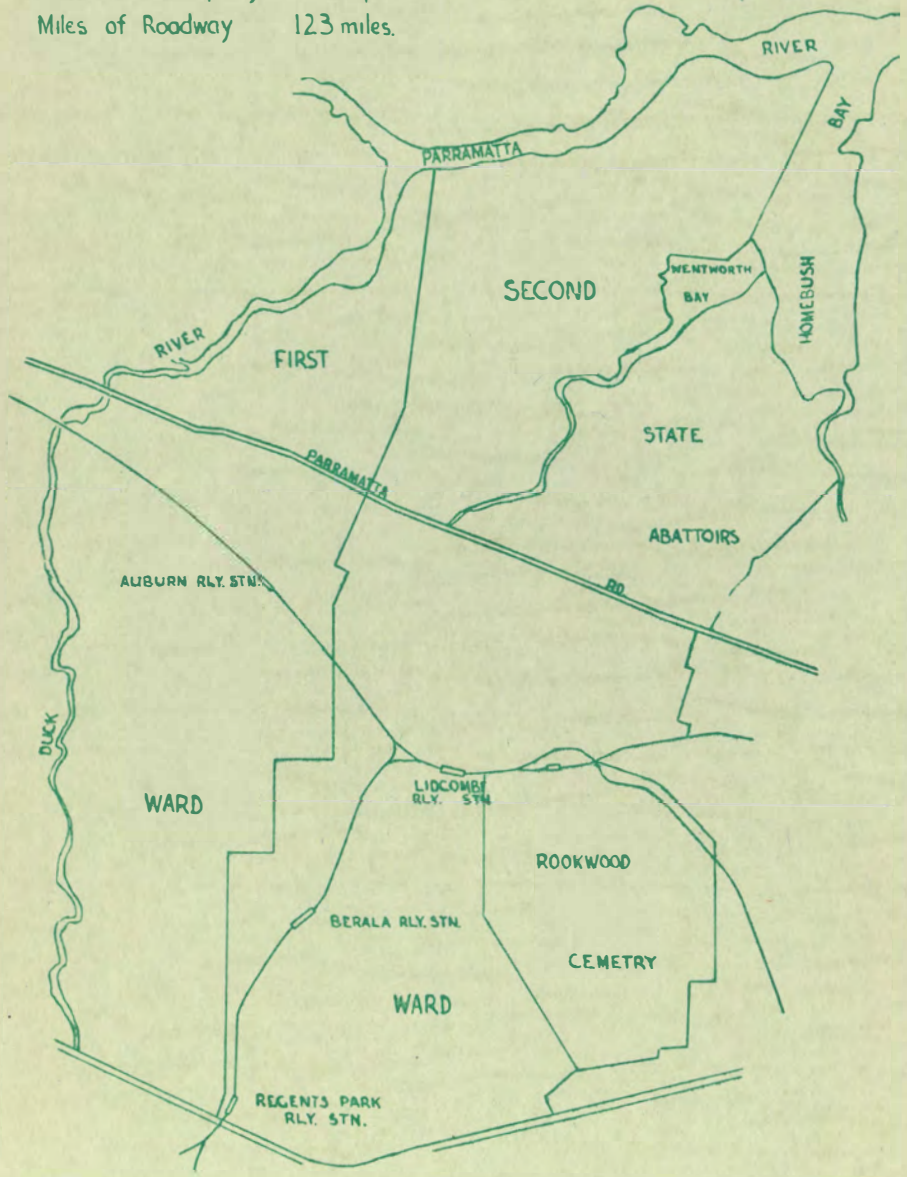
ALD. P. McLAUGHLIN, J.P.  
*Mayor of Auburn*

# MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN

Scale:- 70 chains to an inch.

Area of Municipality 12.17sq. miles.

Miles of Roadway 123 miles.



MAYOR'S  
TRIENNIAL REPORT

1957 — 1959



## INTRODUCTION

Following on the very excellent custom established by my worthy predecessors, it is my pleasure to present to the Electors of the Municipality this report covering the Triennial period of stewardship, i.e., the years 1957-1959, inclusive,

The development of the Municipality and the record of achievement over the period of review, embracing as it does every aspect of Local Government service, is unsurpassed in the history of the Municipality. This fact is amply justified and endorsed by the following detailed survey.

## FINANCE

In controlling the financial side of its administration, Council pursued its policy of not involving the ratepayers in heavy loan commitments which would have entailed exorbitant interest bills and a consequent reduced available revenue in future years. Loan borrowing over the period was limited to £80,000, a figure for which Council experienced no difficulty in obtaining the approval of the Loan Council.

These loans were spent on essential works of roads, paving, drainage and kerbing construction. Apart from these loans, which were considered the minimum necessary for public works, Council adhered to a definite policy of financing all Municipal works and services from revenue income without unduly burdening the ratepayers.

A perusal of the Revenue Accounts over the triennial period discloses the healthy position of Council's finances, a favourable state of affairs which justifies its fiscal policy; this fact is verified by the annual reports of Council's Auditors, Messrs. Allen & Allen, of Sydney. By controlling its financial policy within the limits of the budgeted income and expenditure, Council was able at all times to stabilise its financial position.

### Particulars of General Rate Levy

Year	Rate in £	Unimproved Capital Value	Yield
1957	7½d.	£11,077,311	£346,170
1958	8½d.	£11,178,604	£388,430
1959	4¾d.	£23,538,706	£465,899

As can be seen from the above statement, the unimproved capital value of ratable land rose sharply over the period; this rise reflected the heavy demand for available building land and almost fantastic prices were obtained for residential and industrial sites; the considerable extension of sewerage reticulation throughout the Municipality with the consequent improvement in drainage, also the storm water drainage work undertaken by Council, has made into first-class residential lots much land which in past years was passed over by prospective home builders.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Each year, because of rising costs, the expenditure upon public works is increasing. However, Council is of the opinion that consideration of the undermentioned items proves conclusively, that money expended on public works has been spent wisely and in the best interests of the Municipality.

### **Municipal Baths—Swimming Centre, Wyatt Park**

This project undertaken by Council was a gigantic one involving expenditure to the extent of £200,000. The Swimming Centre is one of the finest in the southern hemisphere comprising as it does, five pools, dressing pavilions, club rooms, kiosk and manager's residence. The construction of the pool, along with associated amenities and fixtures in Wyatt Park, has transformed veritable waste land and a garbage dump situated midway between Auburn and Lidcombe, into a most attractive parkland and swimming area, the mecca of thousands of residents and visitors throughout the area. This work of Council culminated in the official opening ceremony by the late Hon. J. J. Cahill, M.L.A., Premier of the State of New South Wales, on Saturday, October 17, 1959.

### **Golf Course**

The 18 hole Golf Course situated south of Wellington Road and west of Chisholm Road, has brought a wonderful transformation to the Duck Creek area. The land on which the Golf Course has been established was acquired jointly by the Cumberland County and Auburn Councils. Construction costs were borne by Auburn Council. A portion of the Course was, in past years, used as a sanitary depot and garbage dump; the work itself involved the acquisition and removal of two cottages, which was effected with a minimum amount of inconvenience to the tenants.



## MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THREE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER, 1959

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
	1957	1958	1959	TOTAL	1957	1958	1959	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Administration Expenses .. .	26,632	26,071	27,723	80,426	Rates and Extra Charges .. .	341,144	390,044	441,000	1,172,188
Maintenance Construction and Supervision of Public Works	201,730	202,029	204,187	607,946	Sundry Income .. .	7,506	9,719	11,445	28,670
Main Roads Board Contribution	22,567	22,655	48,450	93,672	Permit Fees .. .	187	116	497	800
Sanitary Service .. .	22,010	17,262	13,600	52,872	Sundry Sales (G.P.) .. .	21	22	130	173
Garbage Service .. .	31,299	33,053	33,104	97,456	Transport Department Grant	5,790	4,183	5,288	15,261
Parks and Gardens .. .	23,543	19,449	20,181	63,173	Cont. to Works .. .	33,939	20,857	21,010	75,806
Health Administration .. .	7,841	8,256	8,497	24,594	Sanitary Service .. .	22,918	17,438	9,750	50,106
Diphtheria Immunisation .. .	125	136	300	561	Garbage Service .. .	4,979	5,776	6,800	17,555
Polio Vaccination .. .	1,437	989	478	2,904	Parks and Gardens .. .	1,663	4,947	6,435	13,045
Sundries .. .	62	139	128	329	Licenses .. .	294	382	379	1,055
Street Lighting .. .	15,769	15,878	15,988	47,635	Sundry Sales (H.A.) .. .	94	112	123	329
Fire Brigades Contribution	6,128	5,956	5,388	17,472	Pound Fees .. .	236	115	71	422
Cattle Straying (Pound) .. .	1,195	1,393	1,225	3,813	Clerk's Certificates .. .	445	496	735	1,676
Baby Health Centres .. .	1,170	1,246	1,380	3,796	Town Hall Rents .. .	3,647	3,532	3,300	10,479
Children's Library .. .	2,073	2,010	2,015	6,098	Cottage and Shop Rents	905	1,212	1,250	3,367
Destruction of Noxious Weeds	1,992	1,054	1,545	4,591	Interest on Investments .. .	64	63	127	127
Town Planning .. .	8,699	6,166	7,145	22,010	Dept. Main Roads Contbn. C/with Aid Rds. Grant .. .	8,210	22,506	33,835	64,551
Subscription to Ambulance .. .	200	200	200	600	Polio Vacc. Fees .. .	703	145	848	1,696
Sewer Extension Guarantee .. .	1,053	830	694	2,587	Profit on sale of Assets .. .	38,371	2,115	39,390	79,876
Town Hall Maintenance .. .	5,048	5,166	6,061	16,275	Assets Sold .. .	26,705	11,050	20,843	58,598
Land, Shops & Cottage Exp. .. .	3,428	2,720	1,568	7,716	Depreciation .. .	6,627	9,835	9,172	25,634
Interest on Loans .. .	8,662	9,364	11,094	29,120	Income from Loans .. .	6,270	4,885	80,000	91,155
Federal Payroll Tax .. .	4,295	4,283	4,500	13,078	Transfers from other Funds .. .			59,300	59,300
Superannuation Contribution .. .	3,321	3,757	4,510	11,588					
Exp. Sec. 504 .. .	1,087	413	200	1,700					
Loss on Sale of Assets .. .	5,747	1,973	293	8,013					
Long Service Leave .. .	2,690	633	4,156	7,479					
Gratuities Sec. 97 .. .	2,050			2,050					
Assets Purchased .. .	41,150	78,348	14,860	134,358					
Payment in Reduction of Loans	25,212	29,164	31,697	86,073					
Municipal Baths .. .			200,000	200,000					
Municipal Golf Course .. .			20,000	20,000					
Tennis Courts .. .			12,000	12,000					
	<u>478,225</u>	<u>500,593</u>	<u>703,167</u>	<u>1,681,985</u>		<u>510,015</u>	<u>512,895</u>	<u>752,896</u>	<u>1,775,806</u>

Council is deeply indebted to the Cumberland County Council for the land acquired by that Council for recreational purposes and transferred to the trusteeship of Auburn Council. It is anticipated that over the ensuing years, the income from the Course will not only recoup the initial construction cost and pay all maintenance expenses, but will allow a surplus as a result of which the links will eventually rank with the championship courses throughout the State.

### **Tennis Courts**

The tennis fraternity was not forgotten over the period and to compensate for the loss of private courts taken over for residential purposes, Council constructed eight courts in the Wyatt Park area and eight in the Open Space Area adjacent to Chisholm Road. The need for the courts is almost illustrated by the extent of the patronage.

### **Bowling Greens**

The phenomenal growth over the past years of the popularity of this sport induced Council to set aside an area in Wyatt Park for the construction of two rinks and associated clubhouse of modern design. This project was taken up by the Lidcombe Sub-branch of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., which has generously agreed to provide the necessary finance, and by constitutional rule, is allowing membership to be taken up to the extent of 50 per cent. by members of the general public.

### **Parks, Gardens and Playing Fields**

Council continued its policy of fostering the improvement and beautification of all parks, public gardens and playing fields, and in respect to the latter, re-claimed land adjacent to Duck Creek to allow for the extension of Mona Park by providing one extra playing field. The total area of parks and playing fields, including the Open Space Area for which Council is responsible, totals 348 acres. The playing fields provide 17 concrete and two turf cricket wickets, 14 football and baseball fields for winter sport and also three special basketball courts.

Two parks worthy of particular note are Wilson and Wyatt Parks. In the former, the removal of filling for the Silverwater Bridge construction and the Homebush Bay reclamation was in accordance with the ultimate layout of the park and to design levels. During the course of excavation



sufficient gravel was salvaged to provide for a road system between the playing fields and top soil was replaced on the seven playing fields so created.

In relation to Wyatt Park, the final planning stage, as laid down in an adopted design submitted to Council by the Engineer in 1957, was reached. The Municipality will soon see the finalisation of the scheme by further landscaping and beautification work, the completion of bowling greens and final construction in concrete of the Main Road 190.

## BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

### Wellington Road Bridge

This bridge spanning Duck River at Wellington Road and adjacent to the new Golf Course was financially a joint venture between Parramatta City and Auburn Councils, the construction work being undertaken by the Engineering Staff of Auburn Council. Completed at a cost of £20,000, the bridge was opened on Saturday, March 16, 1957. Details of construction are:

*Design.* Length: 60', comprising 2, 30' spans. Width of carriageway (3 traffic lanes): 34'. Width of footway: 6' each side. Total width of decking: 47' 7".

*Piers and Abutments.* There are eight reinforced concrete piers, each supported on 3' x 3' footings taken down to solid sandstone. The abutments are of reinforced concrete, supported on 5' wide reinforced concrete footings founded on sandstone.

*Decking.* Comprises 48 precast, prestressed concrete beams. Thickness of concrete at centre line of bridge, 1' 9½". Deck level is 4' above high flood level and 14' above normal water level.

*Catchment Area.* Above bridge, 3,450 acres. Length of river, 4 miles.

This bridge is carrying a tremendous amount of traffic to the Southern district and has provided a convenient alternative route other than the Mona Street Bridge.

## **Silverwater Bridge**

This bridge, mooted since the inception of the Municipality, at long last has reached a positive stage. The Department of Main Roads is to invite tenders for the construction of a five span reinforced concrete bridge, 620 feet between abutments with two carriage-ways each 26 feet in width separated by a two feet medium strip with a five feet wide footway on both sides of the bridge, which is estimated to cost £600,000 and will take two years to construct.

The bridge is to be situated at the foot of Silverwater Road, which is now known as Main Road 532. This bridge will complete a network of main roads linking the northern and southern municipalities. Auburn Council, as a preliminary to the construction of the bridge, placed 44,000 cubic yards of filling to establish the south side embankment. This work was completed in October, 1959; the Minister for Local Government has indicated that the project will be open for traffic by 1961.

## **MAIN ROAD 190**

The period saw further progress in the extension of Main Road 190 from Church Street through Wyatt Park to Boorea Street. Application has been made to the Department for the naming of this section "Olympic Drive." The full concrete carriage-way, together with all necessary drainage, kerbing and guttering, etc., was carried out by Council's Engineering Staff at a total cost of £71,000. Further representation has now been made to the Department for the linking of Main Roads 190 and 532 (Silverwater Road) via Boorea Street and St. Hilliers Road.

## **WENTWORTH BAY RECLAMATION**

A Government project of important consideration in the matter of municipal development is the Wentworth Bay Reclamation Scheme—a proposal which will eventually reclaim approximately 350 acres of swamp land and will be available for industrial development. Industries to be established will have the benefit of the river foreshore and will be provided with alternate means of transport of goods to the harbour.

Needless to say, the establishment of many industries in this section of the municipality will provide much employ-



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MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN — COUNCIL IN SESSION



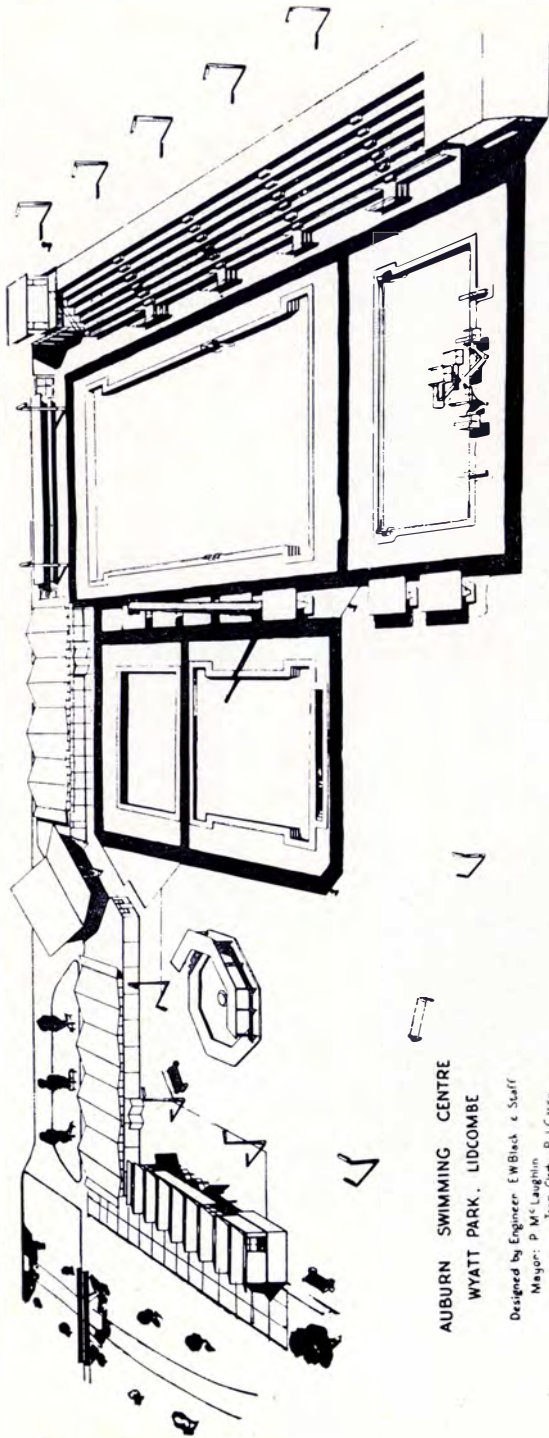
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**AUBURN SWIMMING CENTRE**  
**WYATT PARK, LIDCOMBE**

Designed by Engineer: E.W. Black & Staff  
Mayor: P. McLaughlin  
Town Clerk: P. J. Coates

ment for local residents. In association with the scheme, Auburn Council is constructing for the Maritime Services Board two new roads which are to be known as Burraway and Currong Roads, at an approximate cost of £35,000.

## WORKS OF CONSTRUCTION

During the period, the following construction work was completed throughout the municipality:

Kerbing and Guttering	7.8 miles
Road Construction and Reconstruction	7.0 miles
Concrete Footpath Construction	3.2 miles
Drainage Construction	10,100 lin. ft.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Town Planning

The Town Planning Committee is comprised of members of Council together with six residents specially selected by Council because of their past association with Local Government activities and their continued interest in civic affairs. The Committee, which met on numerous occasions, examined every aspect of district planning and zoning, having due regard to existing uses and possible future development, both in the residential and industrial spheres.

The work of compiling the Planning Scheme Ordinance and maps was performed by Council's staff under the direction of the Engineer/Town Planner, Mr. E. Black. The work culminated in the compilation and presentation to Council of the completed scheme on April 22, 1959; the scheme report was placed on exhibition from July to October, 1959, and will be submitted to the Minister for his consideration before the end of the year.

### Subdivisions

Residential development was given a great impetus by the implementation of three major subdivision schemes which created eighty ideal sites for home building; the costs involved in the subdivisions, including the acquisition of land, road drainage and kerbing construction, was substantial. Such expenditure, however, was recouped by the sale prices of the homes sites. Consequent income derived from the additional rates levied will be to Council's benefit.



In addition to the Council's activities in the matter of subdivisions, the triennial period has seen a remarkable increase in the number of private subdivisions. These have been both large and small, varying from the professional subdivisor to the private individual, and have embraced subdivisions ranging from one extra block to those of major importance which have opened up for residential purposes several land-locked areas and provided for new residential roads; Bradley, Brenda, Renshaw Avenues, Terrene and Hillview Streets and Dempster Crescent are but a few of the newly named roads.

The continuing trend in this direction will mean that in a few years, the municipality will be developed to its total capacity as regards residential and industrial lots. All subdivisions approved during the period were in keeping with Council's Town Planning standards.

## **Libraries**

The Children's Free Library conducted in the School of Arts has continued to expand its activities over the period; 3,100 books have been purchased, with the result that the Library now houses 7,500 volumes in excellent condition, thanks to the work of the staff and co-operation of the patrons.

Within the last three years another room was made available for Library purposes, whilst existing rooms were re-decorated and a new workroom now facilitates several activities in maintaining the condition of the books. The thanks of Council is in no small measure due to Miss E. Stutchbury (President), Mrs. E. Coulthard (Hon. Secretary), and members of the Auxiliary Committee who have given unstintingly of their services.

In August, 1958, the Council considered the desirability of establishing a Municipal Public Library and with this object in view, the Council submitted to the Trustees of the School of Arts a proposal whereby the existing Public Library, together with furniture and fittings and records and the land and buildings of the institution would be transferred to Council.

The Trustees generously agreed to the proposal which they considered would be in the public interests and the School of Arts—land, buildings and library—was transferred to Council in November, 1959, for Library purposes.

## **Car Parking Areas**

The provision of adequate areas to provide for car parking facilities throughout the municipality has long exercised the thought of Council; during the period of review, positive steps were taken in this direction. In Lidcombe, land was acquired fronting Bridge Street and accommodation made available for the parking of 50 vehicles. In Auburn, a much more ambitious scheme was undertaken, and as a result, five houses were acquired in Susan and Queen Streets adjacent to the Town Hall premises and immediately at the rear of those properties which front Auburn Road as part of the Shopping Centre.

Whilst this land was acquired at considerable expense, the matter of arranging alternative accommodation for the tenants, where required, was conducted with a minimum of inconvenience. The associated construction work on the area was completed by the Engineering Department and as a result, excellent parking facilities are available for approximately 200 cars.

In Regents Park an approach has been made to the Commonwealth Government for temporary use of land adjacent to the Post Office; this area, when available, will greatly assist in relieving traffic congestion in the Amy Street Shopping Centre.

## **Naturalisation**

New settlers continued to take up residence within the municipality and over the period approximately 750 Naturalisations took place. These worthy citizens are being gradually assimilated into our way of life and are making their presence felt in all spheres of activities.

## **HEALTH AND BUILDING**

### **Baby Health Centres**

During the period 41,200 Maternal and Baby Welfare consultations took place at the Baby Health Centres—20,717 at Lidcombe and 20,483 at Auburn.

In response to a joint application by Auburn and Bankstown Councils, the Department of Health indicated that it favoured the establishment of a Centre at Regents Park and the Council is confident that this amenity will be established in 1960.



## Rest Centre

Council, in conjunction with the Auburn Lions Club, jointly undertook the establishment of a Women's Rest Centre on land owned by Council immediately adjoining the Auburn Railway Station. The Centre is to be established on the north side of the Station in the picturesque setting of the Memorial Reserve. The building and furnishings are estimated to cost £6,000, and the establishment of this Centre will provide the necessary amenity which has been lacking over the years.

## Infectious Diseases — Vaccination

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the period:

Infantile Diarrhoea	8
Infectious Hepatitis	59
Meningitis	3
Scarlet Fever	7
Tuberculosis	9
Rheumatic Fever	3
Encephalitis	1
Ascariasis	1

It will be noted that during the period no cases of Poliomyelitis or Diphtheria were notified. This, I am sure everyone will agree, is due to the monthly clinics held for the prevention of these diseases. At such clinics 24,698 needles were given against poliomyelitis, and 870 needles against diphtheria. In 1959 Council commenced a new service to the children of the Municipality by the use of Triple Antigen vaccination free of charge, for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus; to date 263 needles have been given.

## Legal Proceedings

110 cases were instituted for various breaches of the Local Government Act, Ordinances, etc., and fines and costs were made amounting to £1,156/8/-.

## Licenses — General Inspections

1,576 Licenses were issued during the period and 6,304 inspections of licensed premises took place. License Fees paid approximated £1,290. The total number of inspections car-

ried out during the three years appertaining to buildings, health and other matters under the administration of the Health and Building Department, amounted to 46,800.

### Buildings

The following Building Applications were received over the period:

Year	No. applications	Value £	Fees Paid £
1957	1642	1,433,910	2,835 5 0
1958	2142	2,339,332	4,115 1 0
1959	1436	2,428,402	4,051 16 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5220</b>	<b>6,201,644</b>	<b>11,002 2 0</b>

Of the applications received there were:

484 New Dwellings	Total Value of	£1,316,228
68 New Factories	Total Value of	£1,619,220
394 Alterations, Additions to Factories,	Total Value	£1,884,640

### Sanitary Services

Services rendered during the period were as follows:

1957	average of 2,250 services per week
1958	average of 1,600 services per week
1959	average of 1,200 services per week

It will be noted by the above figures the big decrease in the number of services rendered. It is anticipated that by approximately June, 1960, only 600 premises will be receiving sanitary services.

### Garbage Service—Clean-up Service—Trade Waste

During the period 1957/59, 156,000 cubic yards of garbage were disposed of, amounting to approximately 62,400 tons of garbage collected from the municipality and that received from the Drummoyne Municipality.

Such garbage was used in the Wyatt Park and Duck Creek areas, for either reclamation or for contouring the land, thus creating valuable assets for Council.

Over the period approximately 800-1,000 premises were rendered a clean-up service each week, and approximately 45,000 cubic yards of clean-up matter was treated at Mona Park.

Trade Waste—approximately 78,000 tons of trade waste material was disposed of in the Duck Creek area over the period.

### **Mobile Blood Clinic**

Council was approached by the Australian Red Cross Society Blood Transfusion Service, to conduct a mobile blood clinic at the Auburn Town Hall at regular intervals. Once again the full support of Council was given by making available the Town Hall facilities and the Health Department staff. The first clinic was held on March 11, 1958. Since that date 932 volunteers have attended clinics and of these 877 each gave donations of approximately one pint of blood. Clinics were held as follows:

1st Clinic: March 11, 1958	123 Volunteers
	119 Donors
2nd Clinic: June 10, 1958	114 Volunteers
	108 Donors
3rd Clinic: September 16, 1958	140 Volunteers
	134 Donors
4th Clinic: December 16, 1958	138 Volunteers
	135 Donors
5th Clinic: March 10, 1959	113 Volunteers
	102 Donors
6th Clinic: June 9, 1959	187 Volunteers
	174 Donors
7th Clinic: September 8, 1959	117 Volunteers
	105 Donors

Council has received the congratulations of the Red Cross Society Blood Transfusion Service for its co-operation in this essential health service.

### **Argentine Ant Eradication Campaign**

Argentine Ants were first discovered in North Auburn in April, 1950, and within one month were found at Lidcombe. Immediate action was taken to carry out experiments for the eradication of this pest. All experiments relating to methods of spraying and consistency of spray were carried out within this municipality and the eradication campaign commenced in earnest on December 15, 1952.

Since the commencement of the campaign 51 areas covering 1,196.5 acres have been treated within the municipality. The total cost to Council was £12,807/8/-.

It is pleasing to note that on numerous occasions both the Department of Local Government and the Department of Agriculture have thanked Council and its Officers for its spontaneous support, co-operation, provisions of certain facilities and its interest in the campaign. One must agree that if support is not given to matters such as this, Council would be involved in a much higher cost at a later date. Furthermore it must continue its support until the complete eradication of this pest has been effected.

### APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Office of the Mayor of the Municipality is a dignified and honourable one, calling for much devotion of time and interest above normal in the affairs of the municipality. The proud holder of the office cannot of his own efforts be successful, and for that reason I desire to place on record my sincere appreciation of the assistance afforded me by my fellow Aldermen and my Deputy Mayor, Ald. W. Bowmer; it is incumbent upon me also to specifically mention and express thanks to Ex-Ald. E. Norman, my predecessor in Mayoral Office, and Ald. F. Smith, his Deputy Mayor.

All these gentlemen so closely associated with me in municipal administration, have sacrificed both time and energy for the development and progress of the district. I know that all Aldermen of Council are gratified with the progress made and in retrospect are well satisfied with the results of their efforts.

Noteworthy for special mention are the local members of Parliament, E. J. Harrison, Esq., M.H.R. for Blaxland; T. V. Ryan, Esq., M.L.A. for Auburn, and T. P. Murphy, Esq., M.L.A. for Concord, who, individually and collectively have always been active in fostering the cause of the municipality. It is to the pleasure of the Aldermen and myself that the people of the municipality are so fortunate in their representation to the Federal and State Houses of Parliament.

I am happy to report that the Town Clerk, Mr. P. J. Casey, and members of the Staff implemented Council's decisions with all possible diligence and expedition, thus ensuring the successful finalisation of an extensive programme.



At this stage I would convey the appreciation of Council to the former Town Clerk, Mr. B. J. Mooney, who retired because of ill health, and Mr. W. R. Ames, his Deputy Clerk, who reached the retiring age.

In common with all other municipalities, Auburn has continued to preserve, expand and improve its many civic amenities; after two continuous years in the Mayoral Office I am convinced that Local Government is essential to the well being of the community. I express the opinion that the present Council and Staff have endeavoured in every way possible to provide the residents with essential services in all local spheres and have succeeded in improving that mutual feeling of trust, respect, confidence and courteous consideration which is the true spirit of Local Government.

In conclusion I would say that much progress has been made in the municipality — much yet remains to be done, nevertheless, by joint co-operation between the electors and those elected to Office, the Municipality of Auburn will continue to expand and grow richer in those services and amenities which are to the good of the community.

*P. McLaughlin*

MAYOR OF AUBURN.

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November 10, 1959.



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		<b>YX 6014</b>
Swimming Centre	.....	<b>YX 9125</b>
Golf Links	.....	<b>YX 9972</b>

