



TRIENNIAL REPORT

1960 -- 1962

ALD. S. L. HEDGES, J.P.
Mayor of Auburn

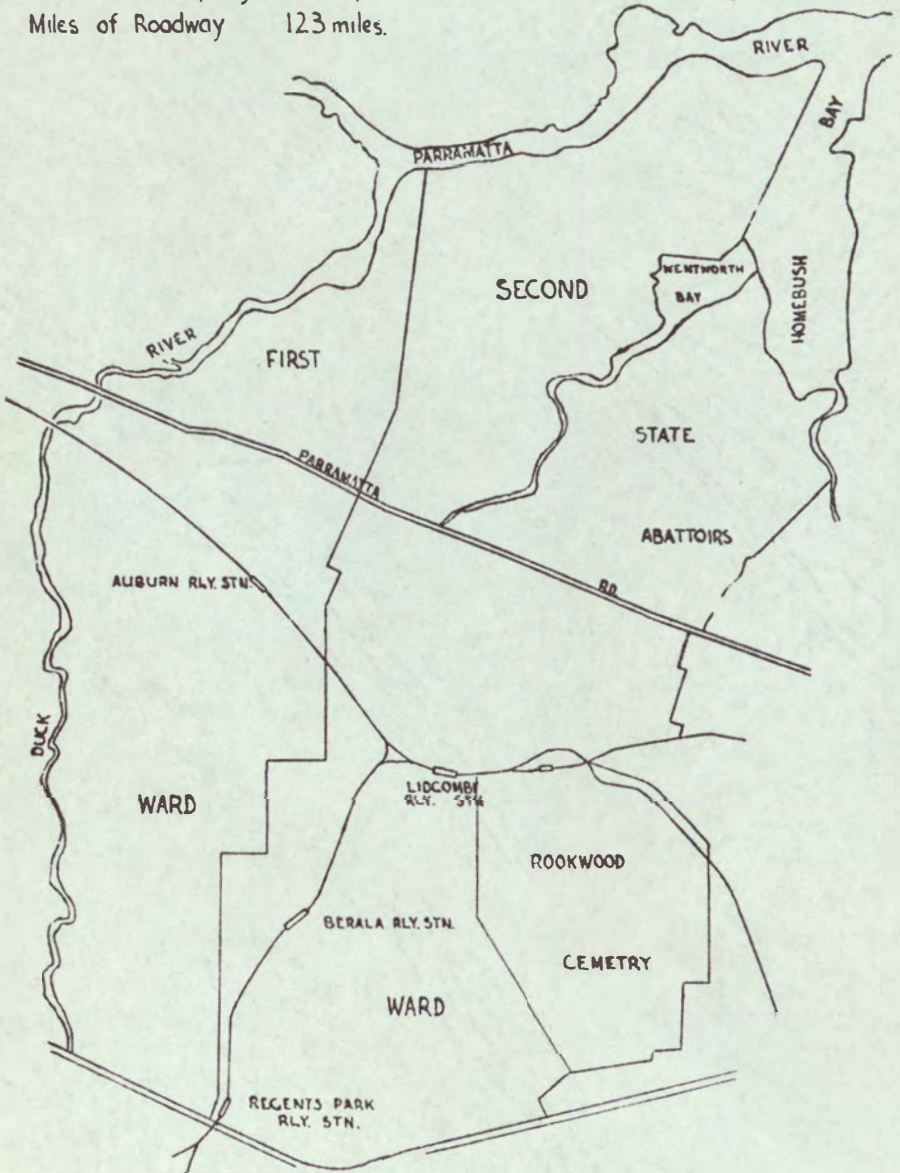
MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN

Scale: 70 chains to an inch.



Area of Municipality 12.17 sq. miles.

Miles of Roadway 123 miles.



MAYOR'S
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INTRODUCTION

It is with considerable pleasure and pride that I present a record of the Council's Municipal activities during the triennial term which will conclude on December 1, 1962.

A genuine attempt was made to distribute equitably Council's resources on the numerous communal services so vital to the well-being, comfort, enjoyment and convenience of the community. Evidence of satisfactory progress is amply illustrated in the following review.

FINANCE

The aggregate revenue for the triennial period excluding loan monies was £2,241,094 and the estimates of income and expenditure in each of the years 1960, 1961 and 1962 were compiled so as to ensure that the gross expenditure would not exceed the gross revenue. By strict adherence to these estimates Council was able to avoid deficiencies and thereby establish financial stability. Loan expenditure, because of high interest rates, was restricted to £105,000, which was spent on essential works of road construction, stormwater drains, paving and kerbing and guttering.

One aspect of Council's finances which is not widely known, is that annual payments to certain statutory bodies absorb a fixed proportion of the income. The main contributions in this direction are to the Department of Main Roads, the Cumberland County Council, the Fire Board and the Sydney County Council for street lighting charges. Of these payments the one to the Department of Main Roads is fixed at a halfpenny in the £ on the Unimproved Capital Value of ratable land. Contributions for the period amounted to £258,270.

The increasing amounts being written off under the Sections of the Local Government Act, which grant certain concessions in the rate levy to pensioners of various categories, also are a matter of concern to Local Government finance, for it must be realised that these rebates are, in effect, principally

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THREE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER, 1962

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME			
	1960	1961	1962	TOTAL		1960	1961	1962	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Administration Expenses	34,317	36,337	39,585	110,239	Rates & Extra Charges	447,836	555,750	568,368	1,571,954
Maint. Construction and Super- vision of Public Works	289,876	388,982	344,194	1,023,052	Sundry Income	5,686	5,769	10,789	22,244
Main Roads Contribution	48,238	35,220	50,222	133,680	Permit Fees	6,387	4,569	5,042	15,998
Sanitary Service	10,652	7,696	5,110	23,458	Sundry Sales (G.P.)	127	61	150	338
Garbage Service	40,866	46,278	46,997	134,141	Government Grants & Subsidies	25,242	118,402	88,586	232,230
Parks and Gardens	20,315	19,686	19,169	59,170	Contribution to Works	55,145	35,823	38,719	129,687
Health Administration	10,119	11,113	16,296	37,528	Sanitary Service	6,982	5,285	5,273	17,540
Immunisations	1,123	982	2,426	4,531	Garbage Service	8,495	9,582	11,250	29,327
Sundries	369	710	685	1,764	Parks & Gardens	7,289	7,003	6,081	20,373
Street Lighting	16,554	19,770	25,000	61,324	Licenses	322	341	400	1,063
Fire Brigades Contbn.	7,526	8,585	8,153	24,264	Sundry Sales (H.A.)	87	2	50	139
Cattle Straying & Impounding	196	—	—	196	Pound Fees	5	—	—	5
Baby Health Centres	1,308	1,559	2,657	5,524	Clerk's Certificates	1,514	1,082	1,200	3,796
Library	4,781	16,995	16,370	38,146	Town Hall Rents	5,106	3,469	5,100	13,675
Destruction Noxious Weeds and Animals	353	597	1,550	2,500	Cottage & Shop Rents	1,241	2,092	468	3,801
Town Planning	12,992	11,961	11,216	36,169	Interest on Investments	98	1,410	1,562	3,070
Subscription to Ambulance	200	300	300	800	Profit on Sale of Assets	39,698	11,722	9,200	60,620
National Fitness	157	66	91	324	Library	165	116	335	616
Town Hall Maintenance	5,895	5,598	6,198	17,691	Home Nursing Service	—	—	1,300	1,300
Land, Shops, Cottages, etc. Exp.	1,638	2,410	2,187	6,235	Golf Course	6,873	12,054	10,245	29,172
Women's Rest Centre	8,228	1,322	1,385	10,995	Baths	18,514	14,989	16,925	50,428
Baths	36,924	20,628	17,474	75,026	Assets Sold	18,056	6,902	8,235	33,193
Golf Course	14,223	13,091	11,497	38,811	Plant Hire	271	127	127	525
Tennis Courts	3,584	—	—	3,584					
Civil Defence	—	—	400	400					
Home Nursing Service	—	—	3,000	3,000					
Interest on Loans	11,602	11,658	12,179	35,439					
Pay Roll Tax	5,121	5,410	6,214	16,745					
Superannuation Contbn.	5,430	5,506	6,045	16,981					
Expenditure Section 504	398	483	500	1,381					
Loss on Sale of Assets	3,058	2,372	—	5,430					
Long Service Leave	3,569	4,462	6,213	14,244					
Assets Purchased	32,840	43,136	11,970	87,946					
Loan Repayments	77,131	72,396	33,584	183,111					
Parking Areas	10,517	1,155	4,300	15,972					
				<u>£2,229,801</u>					<u>£2,241,094</u>

items of social service and should be a charge against the national income and not the general rate levy of the local Council. These rebates impose a much heavier financial burden on other ratepayers, who in many cases are no better off financially than the pensioner ratepayers. After allowance had been made for the State Government subsidy to pensioners' rates, the total sum abandoned in the period amounted to £34,088.

Particulars of General Rate Levy

Year	Rate in £	Unimproved Capital Value	Yield
1960	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	£23,701,074	£469,110
1961	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	£24,164,537	£578,966
1962	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	£24,240,058	£580,775

PUBLIC WORKS

Details of Expenditure

Details of the amount of expenditure involved in an extensive works programme which was undertaken in the period is set out hereunder:

Road construction and maintenance (including

Main and Secondary Roads	£565,666
Stormwater drain construction and maintenance	£84,112
Paving, construction and maintenance	£64,786
Kerbing and guttering construction, maintenance	£85,495
Bridge construction	£5,285
Street and gutter cleaning	£55,052

The efficient implementation of such works necessitated the purchase and replacement of plant involving a total outlay of £40,885.

Silverwater Bridge

This bridge which spans Parramatta River at Silverwater was officially opened on Saturday, November 10, 1962, by the Premier, the Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A.

Road construction work on the route of the main road from Childs Street, Lidcombe to Paramatta Road was performed by the Council's staff under the Engineer's supervision at a total cost of £65,005.

The bridge provides a convenient alternative route to and from the northern and southern municipalities, other than via Parramatta and Ryde and its establishment culminates 40 years of agitation by Auburn Council.

Road Widening

The first step in a long range plan for the widening of the existing vehicular traffic area of roadways was completed in Station Road between Parramatta Road and Rawson Street. In addition, four sub-standard road bridges in Bombay, Delhi and Vaughan Streets and Nottinghill Road were replaced by modern structures of extra width.

Wentworth Bay Reclamation Project

At the cost of the Maritime Services Board the Council completed major works of road and drainage construction involving a total expenditure of £144,554 in the Wentworth Bay area adjacent to the Parramatta River. Large industrial sites are being made available and are gradually being developed within the Bay area as reclamation and consolidation takes place.

Within the matter of a few years this area, together with adjoining subdivisions in the State Abattoirs land, will become a vast industrial centre, which will provide employment for residents of the Municipality.

Public Car Parks

Land at the rear of shops fronting Amy Street, Regents Park, was acquired and developed as a free public car park, capable of accommodating 90 vehicles.

Off street parking for 140 vehicles was provided at Berala in conjunction with the new shopping project, while at Auburn additional facilities were provided for 49 vehicles by means of angle parking in North Parade and Kerr Parade. In Lidcombe, Council is endeavouring also to negotiate for the purchase of additional land at the rear of the shopping centre for the purpose of increasing the existing accommodation for the parking of cars.

Tree Planting

In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Auburn, trees of the Brush Box variety were planted on the east and west sides of Station Road between Parramatta Road and Rawson

Street. The trees were supplied by the Council and planted by members of the Rotary Club.

The Council also planted trees in—

Auburn Road—Beatrice Street to Helena Street.

Beatrice Street—Marion Street to Alice Street.

Mary Street—Auburn Road to Alice Street.

John Street—Parramatta Road to Lidcombe Station.

Olympic Drive—Boorea Street to Church Street.

One aspect of the tree planting programme worthy of mention is the wanton damage often caused to trees by irresponsible persons; an appeal is made to all occupiers in front of whose premises trees are planted to give some thought to the watering and care of the young trees during their early growth and report immediately to Council any acts of vandalism.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Municipal Baths—Swimming Centre, Wyatt Park

In the three years of operation this important public recreational facility has been extensively patronised, the total attendances for the three seasons being in excess of one million.

Additional associated amenities provided in 1962 included a pedestrian bridge across the stormwater channel to give access to an attractive picnic and games area on which were erected shelter sheds with seating accommodation for 150 persons. Provision was also made for the planting of trees for shade and beautification purposes.

Golf Course

The Council's 18 hole public course, occupying 67 acres of Open Space land between Wellington Road and Everley Street, received continual increased patronage resulting from the gradual improvements to the fairways and greens. Plans for future improvements include landscaping, enlargement of greens, general drainage, fairway watering system and beautification of river banks.

Additional Playing Fields

Four additional playing fields were established, one at Mona Park and three at Wilson Park for football.

Playing fields within the Municipality now number 44, 19 cricket wickets, 20 football and baseball fields and 5 basketball courts.

Bowling Greens

Suitable land not otherwise required for public purposes was set aside for the benefit of the Lidcombe and Auburn Sub-Branches of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. The land is situated in an unused section of Wyatt Park and in the Open Space area of Chisholm Road.

Plans are well on the way to completion and the greens, clubhouses and parking areas should soon be under construction. The projects will be financed entirely by the respective Sub-Branches.

Dressing Room Facilities

Approximately £22,000 was spent in the provision of modern facilities at the various playing fields for the benefit of sporting clubs.

Toilet blocks and dressing rooms were erected in Mona, Wilson, Coleman, Phillip and Progress Parks, whilst substantial extensions were made to existing facilities in Lidcombe Oval.

Public toilets were also erected on land fronting Amy Street, Regents Park, and in Railway Park, Auburn.

Playing Field for Baseball Club

An area of 10 acres of Open Space land between Chisholm Road and Duck River was allocated to the Auburn and District Baseballers' Club. The major portion of this area comprises reclaimed land resulting from garbage and trade-waste disposal under the controlled tipping method. The ultimate development of the area includes:

Main baseball diamond.

Grandstand to accommodate 20,000 spectators.

Juvenile diamond.

4 batting practice courts.

3 fielding practice courts.

1 practice sliding pit.

Training track.

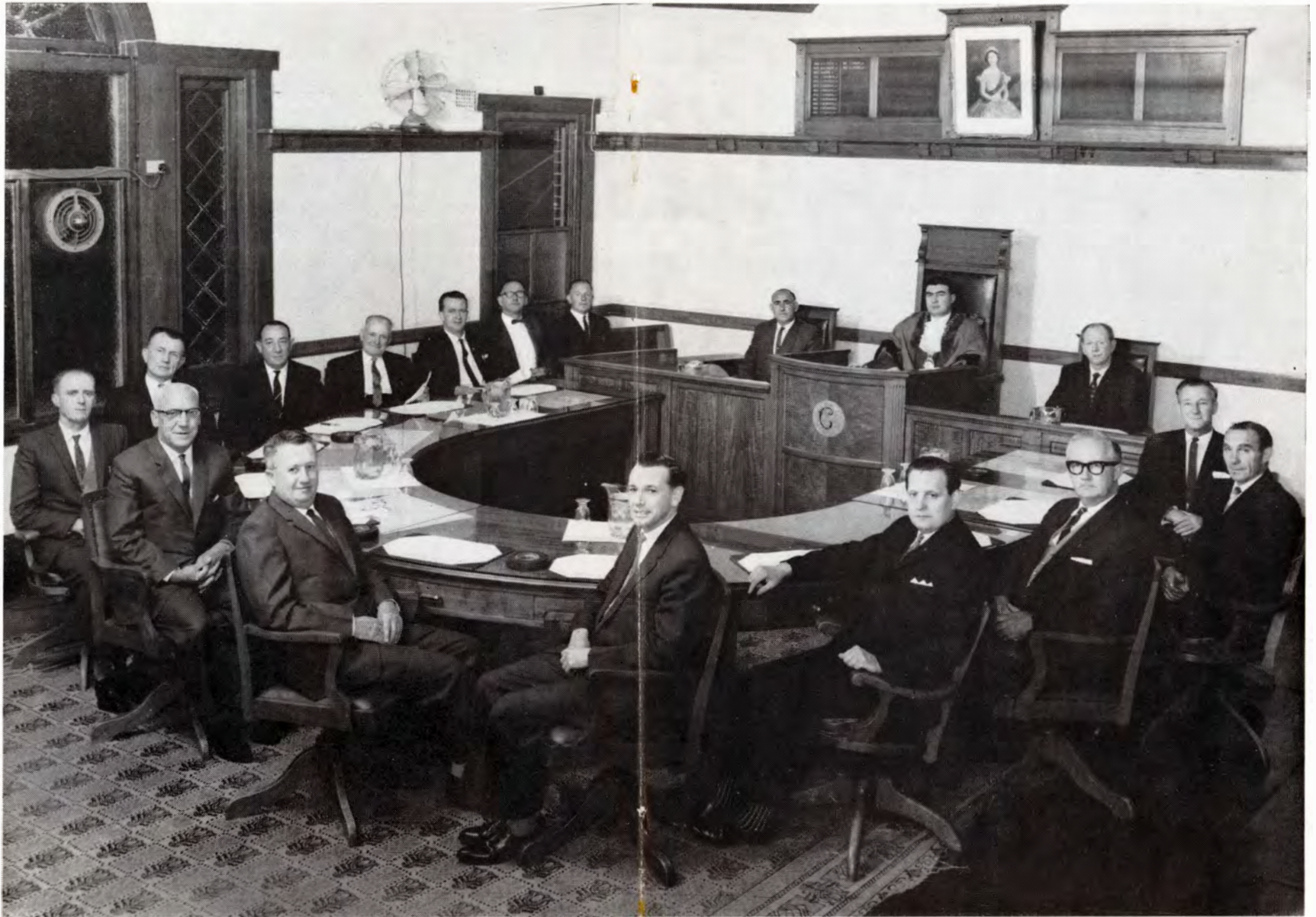


His Worship the Mayor
of Auburn
ALD. S. L. HEDGES, J.P.



His Worship the Mayor, Alderman S. L. Hedges, J.P. (In the foreground); E. W. Black, A.M.I.E (Engineer); A. P. Hays, J.P. (Town Clerk); Ald. J. Fowler, J.P.; Ald. F. D. Smith, J.P.; Ald. J. Staples; Ald. D. R. Stanmore, J.P.; Ald. D. R. Stanmore, J.P.; Ald. Daley, J.P (Deputy Mayor); Ald. D. R. Stanmore, J.P.; Ald. J.P.; Ald. A. L. Wilson, J.P.; G. J.

MUNICIPALITY OF AUBURN — COUNCIL IN SESSION

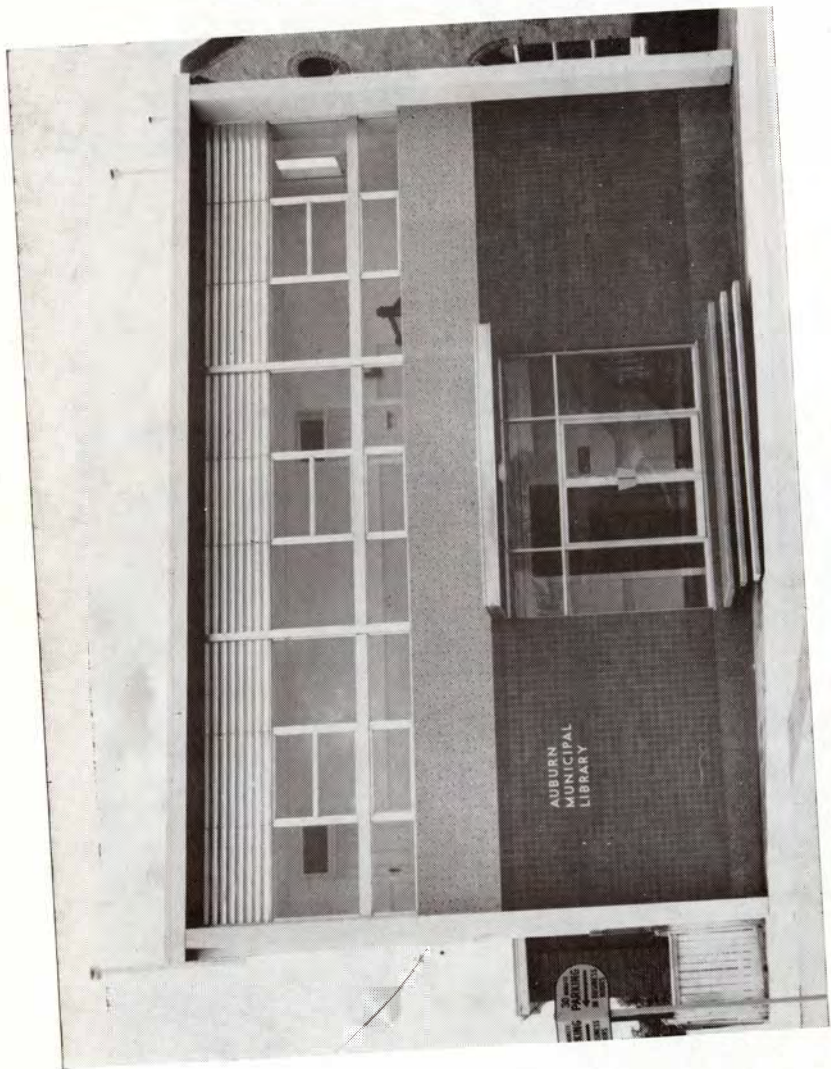


His Worship the Mayor, Alderman S. L. Hedges, J.P. (In the Chair). Thence reading anti-clockwise — P. J. Casey, L.L.C.A. (Town Clerk); E. W. Black, A.M.I.E (Engineer); A. P. Hayes, M.I.H.S. (Inspector); Ald. F. T. Meehan, J.P.; Ald. D. N. Staples; Ald. J. Fowler, J.P.; Ald. F. D. Smith, J.P.; Ald. R. J. Fitzpatrick, J.P.; Ald. W. G. Bowmer, J.P.; Ald. R. B. Daley, J.P (Deputy Mayor); Ald. D. R. Stanmore, J.P.; Ald. J. A. MacArthur; Ald. L. Meakin, J.P.; Ald. A. R. Hunt, J.P.; Ald. A. L. Wilson, J.P.; G. J. Lane, L.L.C.A. (Deputy Town Clerk).

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AUBURN
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PARKING

Recreational Hall for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts

In recognition of the excellent service rendered to the local community by the Girl Guide and Boy Scout movements, land was made available in (a) Wyatt Park for the Girl Guides, (b) Kibo Road Reserve for the 2nd Berala Boy Scouts Group, (c) Open Space area west of Chisholm Road for the 1st West Auburn Boy Scout Group, and (d) Wyatt Park for the 1st North Lidcombe Boy Scout Group.

The respective parcels of land will be developed by the erection of modern and roomy club halls, wherein the members of the Groups may assemble in comfortable, cheerful and pleasant surroundings.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Local Mobile Nursing Service

This service, which was established in March, 1962, following the appointment of a Matron and Sister, provides skilled nursing attention in the home for the infirm and chronically ill who otherwise would experience great difficulty in receiving such service due to domestic or financial circumstances.

The heavy demand within the first two months of operation influenced the Council to appoint an additional qualified nursing Sister in order to maintain a high standard of service to the public, and it is anticipated that as a result of its early success further appointments to the staff will be necessary.

Appreciation is due to the Auburn District Hospital for supplying sterilised dressings free of charge and to the Apex Club of Auburn, also other organisations which have assisted by donations of money and equipment.

Mobile Blood Clinic

The Council, in co-operation with the Australian Red Cross Society, conducted twelve clinics at the Auburn Town Hall, where approximately 2,000 donors each gave one pint of blood. The local suburban clinics now collect 34 per cent of the Red Cross Society's total requirements and Auburn is recognised as one of the best contributing centres in the metropolitan area.

Infectious Diseases

Cases notified during the period were as follows:

Poliomyelitis	3
Infantile Diarrhoea	5
Infectious Hepatitis	108
Tuberculosis	20
Scarlet Fever	3

The Municipality was free from Diphtheria and only 3 cases of Poliomyelitis occurred. Such a satisfactory result is attributable to the excellent attendance at the vaccination clinics, which are available free of charge to all residents of the area. For the period 147 clinics were held with total attendances of approximately 30,718.

Baby Health Centres

Free consultations numbering 47,501 were given to mothers by the fully qualified nursing sisters on the staff at the Auburn and Lidcombe centres. The establishment of a service at Regents Park received the approval of the Department of Health, which however deferred implementation of the proposal on the grounds that applications from districts where centres were non-existent should receive preference. The proposed site in the Amy Street shopping centre will be reserved for this amenity which should materialise in 1963 or 1964.

Rest Centres

The first Women's Rest Centre in the Municipality, situated in Rawson Street, Auburn, was officially opened in October, 1960. A decision to provide a rest centre at Lidcombe was made early in 1962, the site selected being on land immediately adjoining the existing Baby Health Centre in Bridge Street.

The building will be equipped with all modern furniture, furnishings and facilities and of a design which will conform to that of the adjoining Baby Health Centre building. The centre will be completed and opened by December 31, 1962.

Sanitary Service

In 1960 the weekly services rendered were 625; in 1961, 528; and in 1962, 358.

The unsewered areas in Regents Park should be serviced early in 1963, leaving only the northern section of Silverwater to be completed. A special pumping station is required in the latter area and this should be in operation within the next three years, thus ensuring the complete reticulation for the Municipality within that period.

Garbage Disposal

Unlike most municipalities, Auburn is favoured with natural disposal areas such as the eroded land adjacent to the banks of Duck River between Mona and Everley Streets. As such area is zoned "Open Space" and therefore reserved for recreational purposes, the additional land reclaimed by garbage disposal can be effectively developed as playing fields for all types of outdoor sports. Each year the Council disposes of approximately 100,000 cubic yards of household garbage and trade waste and its disposal areas are capable of receiving such quantities up to the next ten years.

In addition to the ordinary weekly services, periodical clean-up campaigns were conducted throughout the Municipality and to minimise the fire risk in the garbage disposal area, Council purchased plant to the value of £6,000. For the benefit of receiving householders' surplus rubbish the depot at the foot of Chiswick Road is kept open each Saturday and Sunday morning up to 12 noon. A representative of Council is in attendance at all times.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Library Service

Following the transfer to Council of the School of Arts building by the trustees for library purposes, the Council resolved to adopt the Library Act and extend the library facilities. The Auxiliary Committee which over the years had rendered sterling service in the operation of the Children's Free Library, wound up its affairs, whereupon the supervision of the service devolved upon a Chief Librarian (Mr. J. D. Taylor) acting under the administration of a Council Sub-Committee.

£12,577 was spent in converting the building into one of the most modern and attractive public buildings in the area. To cope with the rapid increase in membership £16,000 was allocated towards the purchase of books. The present membership is 5,000 and the large variety of volumes available for selection now number 16,000 with an annual issue of 130,000.

For the convenience of Lidcombe residents the Council resolved to erect a modern library building in Wellington Park with a frontage to Joseph Street. This library service which should be available early in 1963 will be conducted so as to conveniently provide for the citizens of Lidcombe similar facilities which have been available at the Queen Street library.

The Council is also negotiating with Bankstown Council to undertake as a joint venture the establishment of a library building and library service on land owned by Auburn Council in Amy Street adjacent to the main shopping centre. Should such negotiations prove successful the service will be available during the latter half of 1963.

Civil Defence

This organisation which is operating under the supervision of Lieutenant-Commander R. D. Ormiston, D.S.C., Local Civil Defence Controller, has been supplied with office and lecture room accommodation at the Lidcombe Town Hall.

First-aid classes are held each week, while Rescue Squads, Radiac Squads, Decontamination Squads and Home Nursing groups are in the process of being constituted. Recruitment of volunteers—male and female—is proceeding and those desiring to enrol are requested to contact the Local Controller at 39 St. Hilliers Road—649-7652. Council has also provided a 16 m.m. film sound projector for the benefit of the classes.

Town Planning

The Council's local scheme, completed in 1959, was submitted to the Minister in February, 1960, and since that date all land development has been governed by the respective zones incorporated in the scheme. By the exercise of its town planning powers the Council has been able to ensure that residential areas are protected against the intrusion of industry and generally create orderly development in conformity with commonsense planning.

Naturalisation Ceremonies

At the request of the Department of Immigration, nine Naturalisation Ceremonies were held in the Auburn Town Hall, the total number of candidates being 428.

Argentine Ant Eradication

Although the Department of Agriculture in December, 1959, informed the Council that the Argentine Ant menace had been brought under full control two further serious infestations occurred early in 1961. As the Department of Agriculture had ceased to operate because of the Government's intention to introduce legislation designed to establish a central organisation to eradicate Argentine Ants, the Council purchased its own spray equipment which effectively removed the danger associated with the new infestations.

The annual cost to Council is £1,000, but this sum should be considerably reduced following the Government's action in empowering the responsible Committee to impose a levy on all Councils regardless of the existence or otherwise of infestations.

Street Lighting

Council has diligently endorsed a scheme which will provide vastly improved street and public place lighting throughout the Municipality. All complaints during the triennial period concerning the inadequacy of the existing standards of lighting were referred to the Sydney County Council for investigation, with the recommendation that an improved lighting system be introduced which would incorporate the latest type of fluorescent lamps and suitable brackets.

As a result, the general street lighting of the area has shown great improvement and this is particularly evident in the public car parking areas, Olympic Drive Main Road 532 and Wellington Road between Cumberland and Park Roads.

MISCELLANEOUS

Buildings

Details of applications received were:

Year	No. Applications	Value	Fees Paid
1960	1184	£4,432,056	£5,768 15 8
1961	955	£2,188,747	£3,890 16 0
1962	1052	£2,747,762	£6,137 12 2

Of the applications received there were:

556 new dwellings—total value of	£1,605,308
79 new factories—total value of	£1,592,732
520 alterations, additions to factories—total value of	£4,780,666
2036 miscellaneous—total value	£1,389,859

Licenses

2,341 licenses were issued during the period and 7,500 inspections of licensed premises were made. License fees paid approximated £1,881. The total number of inspections made during the three years appertaining to building, health and other matters under the administration of the Health and Building Department totalled 62,400.

Legal Proceedings

34 cases were instituted for various breaches of the Local Government Act, Ordinances, etc., and fines and costs totalling £484/4/6 were awarded.

Subdivisions

Resulting from the acquisition of land-locked areas and drainage activity, the Council created 44 home sites all of which were sold at public auction. Similar schemes now being planned will establish a further 20 residential sites which will be offered for sale in 1963.

Homes for the Aged

During the period Council was pleased to sponsor a Committee which was specifically constituted for the purpose of raising funds with which to establish homes for the aged residents of the Municipality. As a practical contribution, Council made available four adjoining allotments of land of a total value of £6,000, on which it is proposed to erect 56 units.

Acknowledgements

The present annual income of the Council amounting to approximately three-quarters of a million pounds represents big business in every respect; the administration of such a business is a very exacting and responsible task, which unfortunately is not often fully appreciated by the average citizen, who is inclined to the viewpoint that the function of Local Government is mainly one of repairing road potholes. The necessity for this item of work is by no means denied; however, when one considers extensive public works and provision of Public Libraries, Rest Centres, Baby Health Centres, Mobile Nursing Services, Blood Bank and Immunisa-

tion Clinics, Homes for the Aged, Swimming Pools, Golf Courses, Tennis Courts, Playing Fields for all sports, Town Planning, Street Lighting, Trafficable Highways and the other numerous facilities and services which Local Government should provide, one must realise that the highly complex system of Local Government as we know it today, plays no small part in the health standards and social, economic and civic welfare of our community life.

As Mayor, it is my duty, primarily, to pay homage to my fellow Aldermen, who through their self sacrifice by constant attendance at meetings, conferences, inspections and the like, have given invaluable assistance and thereby expressed their sincerity, zeal and keen sense of public responsibility and acknowledged the trust placed in them by the electors of the Municipality.

I must also express appreciation and gratitude to our Parliamentary representatives, Messrs. E. J. Harrison, M.H.R., T. P. Muphy, M.L.A., and T. V. Ryan, M.L.A., who without exception have made themselves available at all times to give personal attention to the many and varied Local Government problems in which their assistance has been required.

I place on record also the Council's complete satisfaction with the efficient service rendered by the Town Clerk and his staff, whose combined efforts greatly contributed to the civic progress of the Municipality.

Acknowledgment is also made of the valuable assistance rendered by district representatives of such Authorities as the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage & Drainage Board, the Cumberland County Council, the Fire Board and the Sydney County Council, whilst relationships with the many other Government Departments leave nothing to be desired.

A special word of mention is merited by the local Service Clubs, i.e. Rotary, Lions and Apex and the Combined Sports Committee. These associations of public spirited men have proved themselves invaluable to the officials of Council and have played an important part in the advancement of community interests.

I and my fellow Aldermen have appreciated the privilege of administering the local civic affairs as representatives of the electors of this large and progressive Municipality, which is constantly expanding in the field of residential, industrial and commercial development. On the eve of our retirement from

office, we unite in expressing the sincere wish that the Municipality will continue to prosper and eventually establish every desirable civic amenity for the citizens.

S. L. Hedges

MAYOR OF AUBURN.

Mayor's Room,
Town Hall, Auburn.

November 14, 1962.

FACTS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Council Telephones

Office 649 6011, 649 6012, 649 6013, 649 6014 and 649 8609.

Swimming Centre 649 9125.

Public Golf Course 649 9972.

Municipal Library 649 4815.

Baby Health Centres: Auburn 649 8621, Lidcombe 649 7941.

Mobile Nursing Service 649 4413.

Postal Address

All correspondence should be addressed to the Town Clerk, Municipality of Auburn, Box 118 P.O., Auburn, or Council Chambers, Town Hall, Auburn Road, Auburn. Office hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

Population — 49,030.

Electors enrolled — 30,985.

Area of parks and reserves — 348 acres.

PUBLIC AMENITIES — HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Baby Health Centres

Auburn — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

Lidcombe — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Facts For General Information—Continued

Women's Rest Centres, Auburn and Lidcombe

Mondays to Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Local Mobile Nursing Service

This Service has its headquarters at the Lidcombe Town Hall and can be contacted at 649 4413 or at the Auburn Town Hall 649 6011, Health Department, during ordinary office hours.

Municipal Library

Mondays to Fridays 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Swimming Centre, Wyatt Park, Lidcombe

Swimming season October 1 to March 31.

Hours open to the 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: December, January and February, Mondays to Fridays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Centre is available for carnivals during the month of March.

Municipal Golf Course

Open every day except Christmas Day.

Parking Facilities for Shoppers

All main shopping centres are subject to the half-hour parking restrictions. Adequate car parking facilities are available in Auburn, Lidcombe and Berala. Accommodation for approximately 600 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.

Berala Shopping Centre.

Bridge St., Lidcombe, at rear of hotel.

Rear of shops, Amy Street, Regents Park.

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