

SYDNEY, ROCKS and POINTS

TOWERING HIGH RISE BEFORE HOUSES

Empty Homes Allowed To Rundown

The Housing Commission, and the Maritime Services Board need to get their act together.

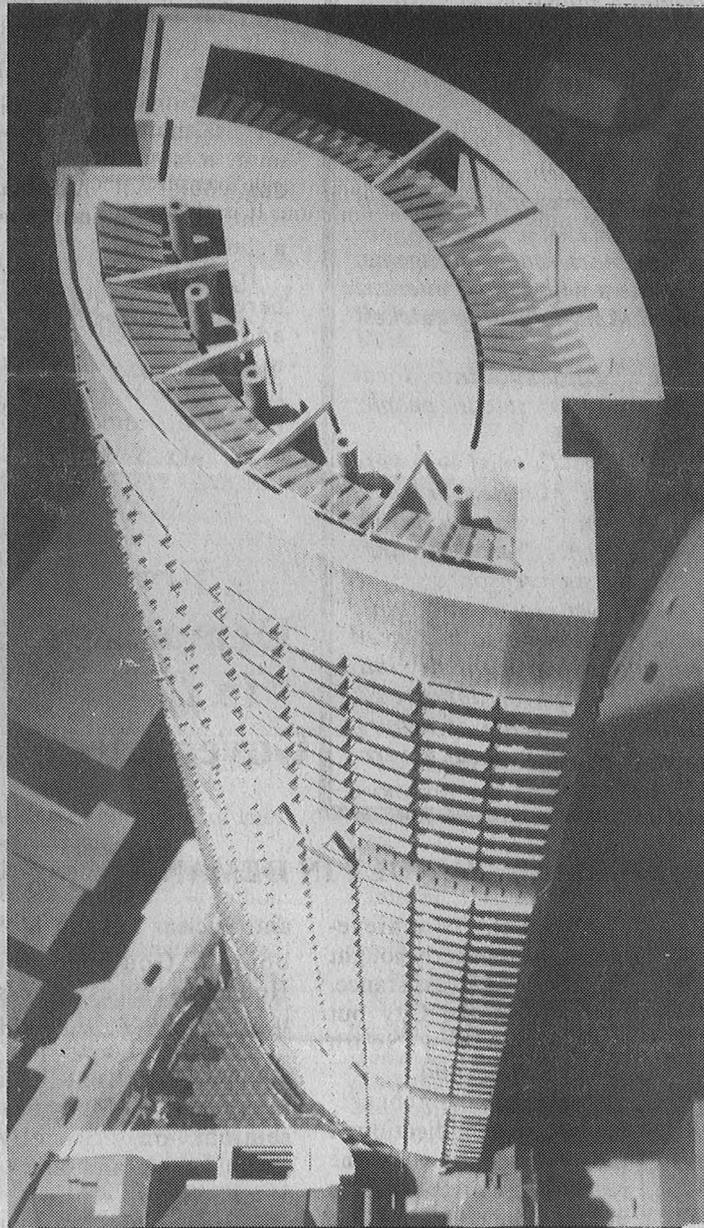
Sydney Cove Re-development Authority in the East Rocks and the Maritime Services Board in the West Rocks have failed lamentably to even retain their housing stock, let alone increase their number.

On the other hand the Housing Commission has failed to seize the initiative as the chief public housing authority in New South Wales and take over all housing responsibility in the area, and rapidly improve the situation.

In its 15 years existence S.C.R.A. has a disastrous record. Structurally sound housing has remained empty and has been allowed to be run down. S.C.R.A. has concentrated on commercial, development and has ignored their public housing responsibilities.

So outrageous is their proposed over-development in the area south of the Cahill Expressway that every Planning Organisation in New South Wales has soundly condemned it.

Besides the high ugly Grosvenor Place (now under construction) in this small part of



An artist's impression of yet another monstrosity Grosvenor Place now under construction swiftly rearing its ugliness towards the sky, yet another example of over development that is fast destroying what remains of Sydney's charm as a beautiful city.

Thousands could be Housed

Sydney, S.C.R.A. plans a 62 storey and a 38 storey buildings which will cast shadows over parks, streets and other buildings.

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Our Christmas and New Year message

In extending our best wishes to our supporters and friends in the approaching season of Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all Men and Women, we do so with a declaration that we hope you will agree with.

We declare that 1985 be the year that we strive together to end the threat of nuclear war — that madmen must be stopped from making this our last Christmas.

Christmas and New Year wishes won't end the threat to the end of all life on our planet, but action will, as people of the infant, but already powerful Nuclear Disarmament Party have shown."

The desire of hundreds of millions of people for the right to life can no longer be ignored by a handful of nuclear lunatics."

Editorial

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

So many people who enter local government with high expectations are often frustrated.

There seems to be so much to achieve, but on many occasions the most creative initiatives are stifled by a higher level of government — often of a differing political persuasion.

Of course it isn't confined to Australia.

The classic contemporary example is the very progressive Greater London Council (GLC) which represents over 6 million people and is being threatened by the iron spiked heel of Thatcherism.

Some Councils of course have been corrupt, though then again so have some State governments!

The crucial point is Councils lack of constitutional rights. In reality a State Government can dismiss a Council on any whim or pretence or trumped up charge it may decide.

It is also true that some solicitors, real-estate agents, developers, bankers and others with vested interests deliberately go into Council to try to get the quickest buck.

However, many decent people go into local government because they feel it is closest to the people; closer to the grass roots so to speak.

The sacking of the Newcastle Council was very questionable. Kevin Stewart, the Minister for Local Government advanced some filmsy reasons to justify this sacking. "Personality differences" and "meetings which went too long" were two such reasons.

Local Government must be given real constitutional power — not tokenism. If Councils are to be sacked it should only be after a full and open enquiry into all allegations of maladministration, corruption etc.

Only in this way can there be a sense of dignity, confidence and genuine democracy in local government activities.

NDP THROWS THE CAT AMONG THE HAWKES!

As we go to press the election results for the Senate are still undersided, but it seems that the Nuclear Disarmament Party will win a seat in Western Australia and Peter Garrett could be elected in NSW despite the ALP sabotage of giving its preferences to the Liberals.

The ALP also joined the Liberal condemnation of the NDP for standing.

It is becoming increasingly clear that if the ALP does not reverse its policy on disarmament and uranium mining the drover's dog could not only clap right out could end up on a short chain.

It should be remembered that if the NDP addresses itself only to nuclear disarmament issues the question of unemployment and socially necessary development

plus the heavy burden of "defence" like Hawke's participation in Reagan's lunatic star wars program, the NDP seems to be the only party that we all have to support if we are going to survive.

In their long winded and boring debate on TV neither Hawke or Peacock bothered to mention the most vital question facing mankind — ending the nuclear arms race to oblivion.

In the Kingsford — Smith electorate, Aboriginal candidate Helen Boyle polled 3.5 per cent of the vote. She said that the election offered her people a springboard for the future.

Aboriginals around Maralinga were Australia's first nuclear casualties during the British atomic test.

For
Democracy
In Local
Government!



ALDERMAN MUNDEY IN DEMAND

Alderman Jack Munday works every day in the Town Hall. His office in the 16th Floor is open daily 9.00 am — 5.00pm, and like most Aldermen he attends many evening meetings. Aldermen are not paid.

In the office with him are his colleagues. Tom Hogan and Bud Cook. Volunteers also assist at times.

Because he is widely known and respected for his environmental, social

and political achievements, he is eagerly sought for advice and assistance, not only in the City but throughout New South Wales and beyond.

Recent speaking engagements give an indication of the diverse audiences he reaches — University talks at Armidale, Melbourne and Macquarie Unis —

environment protest actions in Wollongong, Newcastle and Gosford —

anti nuclear talks in Melbourne, Goulburn and Hobart, as well as addressing Chamber of Commerce, a Developer's Seminar, Real Estate Institute, Rotary, a Melbourne seminar on "Socially-Useful" work, and talks to High Schools.

Besides this political involvement Alderman Munday is also a National Councillor of the Australian Conservation Founda-

tion, writes environmental and political articles for newspapers and magazines and appears frequently on radio and television.

All of his constituents who have problems are made very welcome at his office.

If elderly or incapacitated Ald Munday will call to your home.

Jack Munday's phone number is: 264 9041 or 20263 (ext. 9056)

LOCKING SYDNEY'S GATEWAY

It's been estimated that 14 million dollars could be the cost to rate payers if a proposal to swap three streets at Circular Quay for a park as part of the Gateway site goes ahead.

The Gateway developers say they agreed to exchange three streets on the site for a park and the streets were originally valued at 1.45 million dollars.

But if they are valued as development land rather than just as streets, their value is near to 14 million dollars according to Alderman Jack Munday who's Chairman of the Sydney City-Council's planning committee.

There is an alleged interview with Paul Johnson from the Quayhole Committee, which has been instrumental in the fight against the Gateway development on the A B C programme City Extra.

Now, what is your objection to the streets proposal?

Well, Initially the Quayhole Committee became involved in the Gateway Development because we were against the building being built on the very place where Captain Phillip came ashore in 1788.

You've lost that one.....

Well, no we don't think we have yet because people keep referring to the Gateway site. It isn't actually the Gateway site. There are four blocks of land owned by the Hooker Corporation.



The gateway that will be closed for the Bi-centenary

They happen to be divided by the three public streets, two lanes and one street to be specific.

Now they can't consolidate that into one block of land unless the council sell them the streets and lane.

Now we were absolutely amazed earlier this year when a valuation by the Council's panel of valuers was 1.45 million on these streets and lanes. Because in the last City Council they agreed with the Quayhole Committee that this area should be turned into a Bi-Centennial Park. They approached State and Federal Governments to buy the land off Hooker's. Hooker's said "sure, we'll sell it, but it's worth 42 million dollars."

Now the streets and lanes owned by the people happens to be one third as large as the Hooker Development.

Now, when I went to school, three into forty two equalled fourteen.

Now we've been maintaining all along that the streets and lanes had to be worth 14 million dollars to Hookers — perhaps even more because their development can't go ahead unless they buy these streets and lanes that divide their land.

But we have Alderman on the City Council particularly Liberal Alderman, saying that we were completely wrong, that because they were streets they were only worth 1.45 million because of their unimproved value.

But we said 'you're going to build a building on top of them — for every square metre of land you own you can erect ten square metres of building.

Anyhow, at last ... the other day the ...City Solicitor agreed with us that the Quayhole Committee and the Independent Aldermen, led by Jack Munday, are right and these panel of valuers, the so-called experts, are wrong.

Now this puts a completely new complexion on this whole thing because there's 14 million dollars involved.

We believe that if the council get the 14 million dollars for the streets and lanes, they can buy adjoining properties allowing the Hooker Building to be built but to be built further over towards Pitt Street which will save Captain Phillips landing place and also help eliminate the overshadowing of Historic Macquarie Place.

Jane Singleton (City Extra) asked, "Given the Premier has said the project is a priority for the Bi-Centenary, what chance have you really got that Hookers will be charged that 14 million.?"

Paul Johnson replied, "The Premier's priorities must be wrong. How come it's a priority to build a 36 storey building on top of the very place where Captain Phillip landed which is the very event that we're celebrating in 1988? It's like the Americans building a high-rise building on the Plymouth Rock.

You know, it's just quite crazy and we know that there's a catchery put forward by the Labor Government every time they want to build a building it that 'it's jobs, jobs, jobs.'

We've put forward a very sensible solution which entails a little bit of land.

The Flotta Laura Building — people would be probably familiar with that area.

That happens to be owned by the Federal Government.

Now, all we want is Bob Hawke and Neville Wran to use this fantastic expertise that they have — let Export House be amalgamated with the Gateway site, Hookers can build their building over on Pitt Street, we get a Bi-Centennial Park, Hookers get a building, the jobless get jobs, the rate-payers aren't fleeced of 14 million dollars and everybody can be happy. All it takes is a little bit of lateral thinking. The last Council which was dominated by the Labor Party, sadly lacked any entrepreneurial skills or any lateral thinking.

FOOTNOTE: as "Sydney ombudsman have yet to Rocks and points" goes to bring down the decisions Liberal and though the Liberal and Gateway is uncertain. Labor Party leaders still support hookers.

The valuer General, the

MSB — SCRA Incomp



These are flats in High Street in the Rocks owned by the Maritime Service Board that have been vacant for more than two years.

Picture

Diagnosis of a Rip-off not by the AMA — But by the MSB

Mrs. Jill Collier living in a Maritime Service Board house in Kent Street, has divulged some disturbing news in dealing with the Board, during her 19 years occupancy.

Firstly the rent was \$43 per week which jumped to \$87 during the year.

She then received notice that a further rise to \$106 per week was to be made.

She offered the \$106 on the due date, but was told that the rise wasn't through yet, but when it was she would be required to pay back rent.

No repairs or painting had ever been undertaken by the Board and she estimates that she has spent a conservative \$20,000 herself.

When the floors in two rooms rotted through she finally asked the Board to intervene which they agreed to. Now 10 weeks later, the rooms remain unfinished and she faces the prospects of bare boards for Christmas. Mrs. Collier claims hers is not an isolated instance.

She added that she would much prefer the Housing Commission to take over her place, as they have already demonstrated their ability to improve premises in their short time in the area.

MSB — SCRA CONTROL SHOULD END

To make matters worse S.C.R.A. also proposes a 13 storey building — behind the "Ox on the Rocks" — north of the Cahill Expressway. No building here should be higher than the Expressway.

S.C.R.A. has a capital debt of \$75 million. The only way they see out of the morass is to reach for the sky.

The New South Wales Government should either disband S.C.R.A. or restructure it as a RESTORATION authority, not a re-development authority.

Futhermore, the rightful elective body, the Sydney City Council should have control of planning. It is an impossible situation where S.C.R.A. can do as it likes

without any public accountability or public scrutiny in the buildings it erects.

The Maritime Service Board was soundly condemned by the NSW Government for incompetence, and had a number of their top bureaucrats sacked.

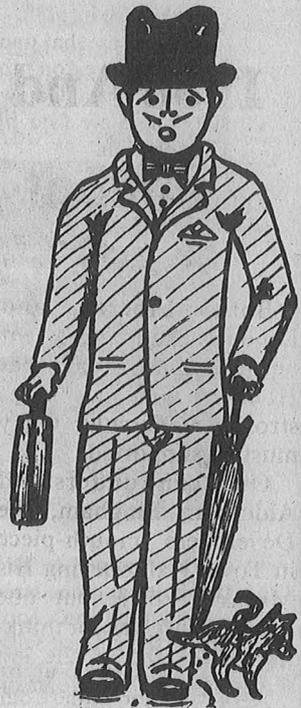
M.S.B.'s housing is being transferred to the Housing Commission. The M.S.B. in answering allegations that the M.S.B. had failed to keep its housing at a decent standard, replied that it considered its first responsibility was to "the Port" — housing was of minor concern.

Many hundreds, if not thousands of people, could be housed in M.S.B. properties

which have been empty for up to two years. Apparently the transfer to the Housing Commission is slow, because the latter is insisting that the M.S.B. housing be brought up to a reasonable standard before being handed over to the Commission.

Besides this M.S.B. neglect, there are other housing practices which require investigation. So the M.S.B. and S.C.R.A. should cease to have any control over public housing — their incompetence and unconcern are all too obvious — and the Housing Commission should assume all responsibility.

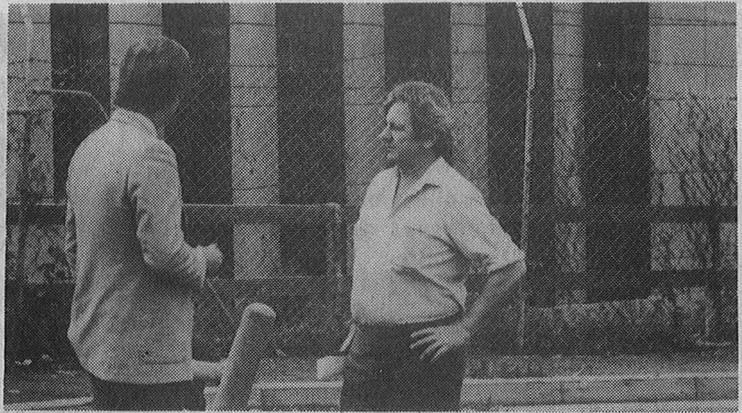
Cecil says:



"Who cares whether its a Hawke or Peacock Government that mines and sells out uranium? There's still good money in it ain't there?"

Alder Munday ten to the Minister Walker, on this s

etent and Unconcerned



ed on the right Alderman Jack Munday is interviewed by ABC reporter,... about the shocking neglect of housing people in emrt dwgllings in excellent condition by the MSB and the Sydney Cove Re-development Authority (SCRA).

Hookers, 1988 And All That

Both Liberal and Labour headquarters sent out the clarion call that Hookers Gateway monstrosity at Circular Quay must be supported.

One can understand Alderman Bingham, the Developers' mouth-piece in Town Hall obeying His Master's Voice, but one could be forgiven for thinking that some of the left wing ALP Aldermen might show enough spine to vote against this proposal which will virtually destroy what is left of Circular Quay.

No such luck. With head bowed they raised their

hands for Hookers' and their Sussex Street Mafia controllers.

Streets Sellout! Aldermen Munday and Hunt GO TO THE OMBUDSMAN.

Mercantile and Henrietta Lanes and Arbitration Street are to be "given" to Hookers for a song — \$1.45m.

The Council sell-out

means that these lanes and street are to be lost for ever — to Hookers. They constitute one third of the Hooker Gateway site — which Hookers value at \$42 million. Yet instead of getting \$10m — \$14m — Council propose to virtually give them away.

Alderman Jack Munday and Alderman Bill Hunt have appealed to the Ombudsman at this blat-

ant deal.

Paul Johnson and the Quay Hole Committee put up a courageous fight for a Park at Circular Quay to really celebrate 1988.

At this late stage whilst the Ombudsman is investigating the land sale fiasco, protest to the Wran Government and suggest he offer Hookers an exchange site, so as this historic site can be saved.



The barbed wire in the foreground seems to emphasise that our once beautiful city is becoming a prison surrounded by suffocating high rise ugly arictural monstrocities.

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(Minister for Plan-
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that an open public
enquiry into hous-
ing in the Rocks
and Millers Point
be held.

Council Standing Committees

Each year in September the City Council elects the Chairman for its Standing Committees.

Alderman Jack Munday was re-elected Chairman of the City Planning Committee.

The results for 1984-85 were:

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| ● Deputy Lord Mayor — Stan Ashmore-Smith. | ● Works Committee — Bill Hunt. |
| ● City Planning — Jack Munday. | ● Finance and Industrial Relations — Stan Ashmore-Smith. |
| ● Building and Development — Tony Bradford. | ● Health and Environment — Margaret Barry. |
| ● Properties and Community Services — Brian McGahen | |

BUILD ME A CITY

By Bud Cook

*Oh! Build a City, Build it big and tall,
Build it of concret, tile, glass and all.
Build it wide, long, and deep, but build it large
Build the offices, courts, shops, and perhaps a hospital
or two.
Build it for architects, doctors, lawyers, and judges
But most important, build it for people too.*

*Oh! build a city, build it big and tall,
Build it of concrete, tile, glass and all.
Build the canyon streets, and eep crevices lanes,
And add the black tar topped roads, with cars and
trucks
Or build it right, a measured city for everyone
Listen to city planners, for some are aware and do
care*

*So! still build a city, build it big, but not so tall.
Still use concrete, tile, glass, a little stone and all.
Build in the new, blend it with the old,
Remember, each city has a history, so keep its
heritage,
So that the very young can come and view,
And this time build in the housing for people too.*

*Oh! build this city, even build it big, not so tall,
Using concrete, tile, glass, a little stone and all,
But build so it will live to serve us, and not fall.
Build to keep it alive, a place where people will come.
Build it most important, with and for the people.
Giving it a heart, and you've only made a start.*

Loing for better things

WITH THOUSANDS ON THE DOLE PARASITES RIP OFF \$ MILLIONS IN BLOATED SALARY GRABS

AUSTRALIA'S highest-paid executive is again the vice-chairman of the advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather International. Mr Micheal Ball, who earned \$550,000 a year — that's \$10,576 a week — according to the latest Top 200 executives listing by Australian Business.

Mr Ball is still \$100,000 ahead of the field, although his pay package has not increased since last year, when the magazine's publication of the top salaries raised business hackles.

The survey cut-off point is \$150,000 so notables such as Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, on \$124,208, and the Treasurer, Mr Keating, on \$92,688, are excluded.

One of three executives on the second rung, the managing director of Elders IXL, Mr John Elliott, also held his position from the previous survey, narrowing the gap between himself and Mr Ball with \$100,000 rise to bring his package to \$450,000.

Two merchant bankers, Mr David Clarke, of Hill Samuel, and Mr Chris Corrigan, of BT Australia, lifted their earnings \$200,000 and \$250,000 respectively to \$450,000.

The business knights, Sir Roderick Carnegie and Sir Peter Abeles, were the next highest earners, with salary packages totalling \$400,000, up 25 per cent on the previous survey, along with the man-

aging director of Adelaide Steamship, Mr John Spalvins, who enjoyed an increase of more than 80 per cent in his earnings.

Making up the top 10 were Mr John Bradstock of the advertising agency Needham Harper Worldwide and Mr Tony Berg, managing director of merchant banker Hill Samuel, on \$350,000, and Sir Tristan Antico, of Pioneer Concrete, on \$330,000.

The magazine says the new wave of excutive salary incomes is perhaps best represented by Lend Lease's Mr Stuart Hornery, who received a \$1 million bonus share issue on top of a \$320,000 annual salary package. Mr Hornery is on the sixth rung of the salary ladder.

GEORGE ALLEN AND UNWIN

You are invited to the launch of
WATERFRONT
SYDNEY 1860-1920
by
Graeme Alpin and John Storey

Jack Munday will launch
Waterfront Sydney
at
The Lord Nelson Hotel,
cnr Kent Street and Argyle
Place,
The Rocks
6 pm Friday 14th December
1984

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| <p>THE SMOCK DRESS (with sash) RETAIL — \$17 50 or more — \$14 100 or more — \$13 500 or more — \$12.50</p> |  <p>BURINGTON CENTRE FOR ALL T-SHIRT Artists Supplies</p> | <p>THE FRENCH DRESS RETAIL — \$18 50 or more — \$15 100 or more — \$14 500 or more — \$13</p> |
|  | <p>100% COTTON MADE IN CHINA</p> |  |
| <p>T-SHIRTS — Fashion T-Shirts are now available with collars — all "FINE COTTON" combed. White and Colours available. Also available Grandfather shirts in white and colours.</p> | | |
| <p>THE BURLINGTON CENTRE PETER HANCOCK (02) 211 1499 CNR. SUSSEX AND HAY STS. HAYMARKET 2000 (P.O. BOX K41)</p> | | |

Fortunately there's a great PUB to enjoy a beer in!



Pubs in different countries of the world a part of the life style of the people who live there.

The people we have in mind are mainly working people who quaff a pint in London or a couple of glasses in Sydney, or somewhere else.

by Henry McCarthy

Some like their beer warm — but Australians like it cold, in pubs that are warm and friendly.

Sadly there are few pubs left in Sydney that are warm and friendly, there are bars in high rise glass and concrete block houses that have plush carpets, warm beer and cold publicans.

Recently we wrote a story in "Sydney Rocks and Points" titled "Where Have all the Hotes! Gone?".

We have found out since where they have gone — or at least where they still are — in

the Rocks.

Here are the oldest, most historic and friendliest pubs left in Sydney — and they are under threat like other historic areas of the Rocks from the NSW Government and their friends the developers.

Among them are the Lord Nelson, The Hero of Waterloo and the Fortune of War — oddly enough all their names are associated with war, but they are by contrast the most peaceful and friendly watering holes in Sydney.

In the stories we have

written about the Hero of Waterloo and the Lord Nelson, we said either they were or were supposed to be the oldest pubs in Australia.

Now John Hook, mine host of the Fortune of War, a small, but beautiful pub in George Street in the heart of the Rocks, says he can prove that the "Hero" is the oldest of them all.

The licence," he says dates back to 1830. And that makes it the oldest continuously licenced pub in Sydney ... and possibly Australia.

If there are any beer drinking historians who disagree, we would like to hear from them.!

Sydney Town Topics



Ecological Blunder

Mr. Wran and Mr. Hawke recently made statements calculated to make the giant Australian goanna a protected species. In effect the statements make it illegal to suggest that these great lizards could overrun our drug free, crime free country within the next five years.

When to "P"?

Much has been written about the lack of toilets in the city, especially since the pubs have all been pulled down. Ever thought about the plight of kids under eighteen even before they pulled them down.

IN BLACK AND WHITE

A recent junket trip to Sth Africa by Sun Herald Columnist Kevin Perkins observed that black Africans were practising apartheid when they evicted him from a "Blacks Only" toilet. Neil Lewis, a Washinton writer for the "New Republic" newspaper and reproduced by the Sydney Morning Herald saw a little more as the following excerpts will show -

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(1) Three young white men kick a black man to death
: Five cuts with the cane.

(2) A white man kills a black man attempting to steel milk money
: Acquitted of murder

(3) Two black musicians sing the praises of the ANC leader
: Four years jail

(4) Two soldiers beat a black man, rape his wife and roast him over an open fire
: Fined \$40 each.

Pity about that toilet issue Kevin.

TALL STORY OF THE YEAR AWARD

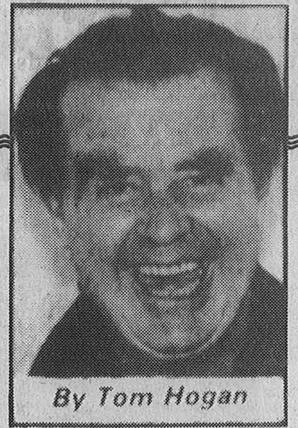
Dr. Bruce Shepherd, chairperson of the orthopaedics association is the runaway winner of the above award. He stated on T.V. recently that if surgeons accepted a miserable \$1000 per eight hour working day Mr. Hawke would immediately move to nationalise the newspaper

industry. We think that would be a good idea Doc, but its possible that Murdock and Fairfax might object.

IF KIDS HAD POWER

Local government minister sacked the Newcastle Council because constant wrangling and name calling prevented the council getting on with its business. Later a group of school children visited Parliament House in Macquarie St. to see at first hand how our state parliamentary system works. They came away radly disillusioned, because as they said constant wrangling and name calling prevented the Parliament from getting on with its job. At the time of writing the Parliament has not been sacked.

The mark-ups round Sydney Town with Xmas approaching, especially in the toy departments has prompted one irate parent to remark that Santas'



By Tom Hogan

Clause seem longer and shorter than ever this year.

\$2 MILLION A MINUTE

Peter Garret the NDP senate candidate for NSW recently revealed on TV that the world collectively spends two million dollars per minute on armaments. In round figures that would be enough to give every unemployed person in Australia, plus the million people expected to die of starvation in Ethiopia in the next year a neat half million dollars each. Unfortunately enough weapons would still be stockpiled to kill off the World's population a dozen times.

Letters and Viewpoints

Hundred of letters are received each month. S.R. & P. will publish a number of pertinent matters raised.

LACK OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE CITY

Both city dwellers and country visitors have written to me about the scarcity of public toilets. This scarcity has been aggravated by the wholesale demolition of city hotels (featured in an article by Henry McCarthy in the last "Sydney Rocks and Points").

Many hotel licencees have told me of the large number of people who are forced to use their toilets, so I have raised in Council the need to build more public toilets in the central business district.

NOISE CONTROL — VIGILANCE NEEDED

Because the Rocks is a major tourist attraction, there is a constant struggle to ensure that noise is kept to a minimum. It is always

difficult to find a balance when this area is in the "entertainment belt". A number of hotels have recently been pulled into line, and the only real answer is for residents to be vigilant.

COUNTRY SUBSCRIBERS VISITED

George and Jean Watt former Mine Hosts of the Criterion Hotel have retired in Armidale. When Alderman Jack Munday was recently in Armidale, he was a guest of George, Jean and Bernadette all of whom ask to be remembered to their many City friends — S.R. & P. keep them in touch.

OVER SHADOWING HYDE PARK

A number of letters applauded the actions of Journalist John Tingle, the Ombudsman and the Attorney General, Paul Landa all of whom assisted in various actions which now means that when a building is built on the corner of Elizabeth and Bathurst streets, it won't destroy the Park as a sun-lit amenity.

Alderman Jack Munday at the Council Meeting, noted their achievement.