

Hunters Hill Trust Journal

East Ward BY-ELECTION

JULY 28 "We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once" — Calvin Coolidge.

Since the introduction of non-compulsory voting for local government elections in 1968, Hunters Hill residents have taken pride of place in their support for the system.

The figures, however, in arc far from impressive.

In both the 1968 and 1971 fri-ennial elections, In three candidates are computed in their support for the system can best be shown through at the polls.

For East Ward, where thunters Hill and the Sydney City Council had more than 40% of their orll appeared for the 71 residents turn out to the service of the system can best be shown through the polls.

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Something CAN be done at once

Your candidates are . . .

Moira Baird

Trevor Herbert

Trevor Small







AMALGAMATION can you afford it?

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The Mayor of Hunter's Hill and others have long proclaimed that the ratepayers of the Municipality would have nothing that the ratepayers of the Municipality would have nothing that the rate of the State Opposition to reduce the number of metropolitan municipalities to 8 while, at the same time, the Committee of Inquiry set up almost two years ago by the present Government remains silent on the progress of the same time, the Committee of Inquiry set up almost two years ago by the present Government remains silent on the progress of the same time, the Committee does not even keep a transcript of the hearings it has already conducted.

Another threat has now appeared on the horizon in the form of the Federal Government with proposals to establish a series of regions in which Councils will be grouped to deal directly with the Ministry of Urban and Segment Devauports.

Hill as a Municipality and has begun to probe the statements made in order to give proof to the arguments. Understandably, the Council may be reluctant to continue its campaign at this point because there is no information available from the State Government to suggest that the

Municipality is in danger. The Trust, however, believes that the people must remain alert to the possibility so we asked the Foundation of the control of th

Council may be compared with some confidence because, and perhaps curiously, both Municipalities were revalued by the Valuer General last year."

"The statistics shown in the at-tached table indicate a total ex-penditure by the two Councils of some \$6 million for this year."

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"It is my opinion that very little deministrative conomy would result from a merger, at least on a short term basis, so if we assume a similar budget, the rate revenue necessary-would be about 53.75 million. This would require a rate levy of 0.85 cents over the whole area and in other words Hunter's Hill ratepayers could expect an immediate increase of 25 per cent quite apart from the usual trend of rising municipal costs."

"Again, if one is bold enough to assume that 'economies of scale' (i.e. reduction of manower and materials to avoid duplication (creduction of manower and materials to avoid duplication) (creduction of manower and materials to avoid and manower and materials to avoid a

What do you think?

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS - 1973 BUDGET FIGURES

Council	Population 1972	General Rate in \$	Minimum	Last Valuation	Garbage Fee	Total Exp Ordinary Services	Rate Income	Other Income
Hunter's Hill	14,100	0.68	\$60	1972	\$18.00	736,000	470,000	260,000
Ryde	89,700	0.87	\$60	1972	\$16.38	5,200,000	3,260,000	1,940,000

NO MORE MONEY FOR FREEWAYS....

The Federal Minister for Transport, Mr C. K. Jones, indicated strong doubts about money being available to pursue ex-pressway construction following an overseas ex-amination of lifteen coun-

following an oreseas examination of fifteen countries last month. He said the States would have to reconsider their freeway building plans. He said money earmarked for future freeway public transport. The previous Federal Government had committed \$1252 million for load building in the five years ending next year. "Just to keep that program going would cost \$2300 million in the next five years," he said. "There is a reaction against the motor car and

freeways all over the world. Freeways tear the insides out of cities. "I'm more than ever convinced that the State Governments should re-examine their freeway policies

policies.

"We are in a similar position to Los Angeles 20 years ago when they were going to have public transport or the motor car.

"Places such as Los Angeles decided on the car and now they are trying to get back to public transport."

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Mr Jones said he would start a re-examination of transport proposals from the States next week. "If need be we will have talks with the States to see if their programs could be changed and if they should be changed," he said. The best way to attract

people back to public transport was to provide fast, clean and frequent rail or bus services. Many trains were too

Many trains were too old and not fast enough, he

said.

In Sydney some railway carriages had been made before World War II and because of this were very expensive to maintain.

Mr Jones said it was obvious the Federal Government would have to provide more money for buses and trains.

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He had not realised how
much other countries subsidised public transport
before his world trip.

He said he would recommend Federal Cabinet to
provide money in this
year's budget to remove
the "bottlenecks" in
Sydney train services.

New carriages and
signalling systems would
help overcome these.

"Myth of Bigness" is the title of an extensive report prepared by the Hunters Hill Trust in opposition to any amalgamation of this municipality with another.

EXAMINING

In the report, which is to be presented to the Committee of Inquiry into Local Government Areas and Administration, we argue a case on several levels for our

ministration, we argue a case on several levels for our separate identity.

Firstly, as the report states, the Trust believes that the onus of proving there is a need to increase the size of local government areas in general rests with those who assert that it exists. Before any amalgamation proposal is considered, adequate reasons for a charge should be demonstrated.

The Trust claims that the role of local government is increasing and not 'degenerating' to a staid authority concerned only with mundane services. Quality of life and 'welfare' in its widest sense are proper concerns for Councils.

Councils.

Development of 'anti-social' tendencies and general apathy in large loosely governed areas are discussed in the report. While there is a growing need to rethink social and community organisations, Hunters Hill stands today as one of the few units which possesses many of the characteristics accepted as essential for community in-

At least 58 clubs and societies flourish here.
The report states that a simple economic criterion of The report states that a simple economic criterion of efficiency is an inadequate one for eveluating modern local government administration.

A limited number of extra copies of the "Myth of Rigness" are being printed and these will be made available at the Trust Centre.

It should be on the "required reading" list for all residents concerned with this dark shadow overhanging the Municipality.

Committee 1973-74

Following the Trust's Annual General Meeting and Elections, the following committee was elected for this

PRESIDENT: HON. SECRETARY: HON. TREASURER: MR F. W. KIRBY DR R. B. TEMPLE MR M. BAUME PROP R. T. MARTIN PROF R. T. MARTIN
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At the time of writing the following sub committees
have been appointed.
Clarkes Point: Convenor, Prof R. T. Martin; Mobil Oil:
Convenor, Mrs A. Oppen; Town Planning: Convenor, Dr
A. Bradfield; Anti-Amalgamation: Convenor, Mr T:
Farrell; Lane Cove Valley: Convenor, Dr C. E.

Centenary Celebrations

The Hunters Hill Congregational Church has celebrated 1973 as its centenary year.

The fellowship of some 50 members was called together, in 1873, however construction of the church building was not completed until 1878. The total cost, including land, was £1145.00. Erection of the Manse commenced in 1886.

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In the brochure, Mr Bristow ways "The Church goes into its second century knowing that there is plenty of work to be done in the future. It acknowledges all those faithful workers named and unnamed who have contributed so much of their lives to the Worship of God and the service of the community.

The Congregational Church has also submitted plans to Council for a retirement village to accommodate 44 people.



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PUBLIC TRANSPORT — THE ONLY ANSWER

by Dr. J.O. Ward

It is coming to be recognized by prefessional town-plasning circles are set flow world is suby, that one cline cannot survive in their present a thing of the past—like world word will be available in 60 years inter (which it won't), surrestricted are of the available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world in the available in 60 years interest world world world will be available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years interest world world will be available in 60 years interest when the available in 60 years in 100 years in

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"One-fifteenth the cost of a Freeway".

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To move 10,000 people per direction per hour would require:

Mode	Space	Vehicles	Operate	Speed 32 m.p.h.	
Expressway	3-5 lanes 100 wide	60,000	6,000		
Ordinary road (Car)	10 lanes 100' wide	6,000	6,000	3-20 m.p.h.	
Heavy traffic (Bus) 2-3 lane: 20-30' wie		228 456		6 m.p.h.	
Single track railway 50' wid		5 8-car sets	10 + station staff	18-22 m.p.h.	
ingle track light railway 8' wide		27	27	20 m.p.h.	

Time taken to cover one-third of a mile, with passenger stops.

Light rail vehicle: 45 seconds + one stop, 11 seconds = 56 seconds
Train (Off-peak): 75 seconds + one stop, 22 seconds = 97 seconds
Bus (Off-peak): 270 seconds inc two stops, = 270 seconds

In Sydney, currently, only 22 trains per hour can use any one track. In London, up to 43 trains can use a single track each hour. On light rail systems, up to 70-80 vehicles can use the same track per hour.

Our National Estate.

The recent decision by the Federal Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the National Estate must be applauded as a fine example of advanced thinking.
Mr Justice R. M. Hope special scientific, will Chair the Committee geological or to examine the role which a ustralian Government of the Australian Government of the National Estate must be applied to the National Est

to examine the role which the Australian Government could play in the preservation and enhancement of the National Estate and the manner in which the National Trusts of Australia and other appropriate conservation groups could be supported by public funds to best serve their work.

In their terms of reference, the Committee considers the "National Estate" to broadly include — parks, reserves and

Estate" to broadly include — parks, reserves and other places for the protection of plants and animals; buildings and structures by themselves or in groups which should be preserved and/or restored for historical, architectural or other reasons; areas of

special scientific, geological or archaeological interest including aboriginal sites; the coastline; waterways; recreation and amenity areas together with scenic places.

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Submissions are being invited from interested persons or groups and, as a result the Hunters Hill Trust will form a sub-committee to prepare a suitable document suitable document suggesting the best measures which may be adopted to have certain features of our area recognised in The National Estate.

Trust members interested in contributing ideas to this subcommittee should contact the Trust president. Prof

the Trust president, Prof R. T. Martin on 89-2178

Auxiliary. Activities

The romantic story of old Hunters Hill — of its peoples and its buildings — has recently been told in a new book called "Hunters Hill Sketchbook."

Hill Sketchbook."

The stories have been integrated with delightful black and white sketches of nearly 30 buildings in Hunters Hill, drawn by Cedric Emanuel, and interwoven with amusing anecdotes and interesting historic facts by the author, Patricia Thompson.

son.

The Auxiliary was delighted to help launch this book in Sydney on Sunday 27th May, at historic "St Ives" Crescent Street, the home of Mrs

Activities

Claude Simpson.

Over 130 residents and their friends viewed this lovely old home with its gothic towers and commanding view over Alexandra Bay. Each visitor received a copy of the book autographed by Cedric Emanuel and enjoyed a most pleasant few hours.

You can buy "Hunters Hill Sketchbook" at the Centre (44 Alexandra St) and also see the original sketches for the book, which are for sale at \$45 each. Mr Emanuel has kindly donated his sketch "Garibaldi Inn" to the Trust and we are running a Trust and we are running a "guessing competition" at 20c per ticket.

STOP PRESS!

PRESS!

Milton Morris, NSW
Minister for Transport,
has joined the Federal
Minister, Mr Jones, in
his views against inner
city expressways.
Speaking on his
return from the overseas
study he said freeways
had disasterous effects
in some cities, by ripping
the heart out of them.
"Dr Nielsen's report
will be used as a
blueprint for future
spending in Sydney,
however, it is expected
he will recommend
against inner city
freeways," he said.
Mr Morris said he
would like to see a light
railway system (see Dr
Ward's article) servicing
the Manly-Warringah
area of Sydney before
1976.

MAPS **OF** HUNTERS HILL

The Trust still have for The Trust still have for sale a number of excellent six-colour maps of the Municipality featuring drawings by Charles Altman, who was commissioned for the project. Suitably framed, they make an ideal lounge room conversation piece.

The maps are a limited printing and are available from the Trust Centre at only \$4 each.

A reminder that the Centre at 44 Alexandra

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Treasurer, Hunters Hill Trust, PO Box 85, Hunters Hill, NSW 2110

1 wish to open/renew membership with the Hunters Hill Trust and enclose 5 for subscription valid to February 28, 1974.
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(*optional)

8 EXPERTS TALKING OF FREEWAYS ...

"Are urban freeways really necessary?" is the title of a day-long symposium to be held at the University of NSW on Tuesday, August 21.

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Expert views will be put forward on all aspects of freeways, and the audience will take part in discussion.

The eight speakers will include Mr T. Uren, Minister for Urban and Regional Development; Mr K. E. Thompor Counton Regional Development, Mr. E. Homp-son, Commonwealth Bureau of Transport Economics; Mr. A. Jakubowicz, Department of Sociology, University of NSW; Dr. M. Henderson, NSW Traffic Accident Research Unit; Mr. R. E. Johnston, Department of Main

People interested can get registration forms from the secretary, Sydney division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, PO Box 138 Milson Point, NSW 2061; telephone 929-8544, registration is \$12.

EAST WARD RESIDENTS

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