

## INTERESTING FACTS

Parramatta Municipal Council Minute Book (1915 to 1920) – Volume 3 of 3 (PRS021/010)

Topic	Digivol reference	Date	Item
Australian-built aeroplane relics donated to Council	PRS021_010_00606_CS	May 1918	375. The Mayor further reported an offer from Mr W.E. Hart of parts of his first Australian built aeroplane as a donation towards the collection of relics being made by the Council, which was accepted with thanks.
Sending newspapers to individual soldiers prohibited?	PRS021_010_00655_CS	Sept 1918	657. From Forbes Council (4533) 23rd August, seeking Council's assistance in inducing Minister for Defence to rescind regulation prohibiting the individual posting of newspapers to soldiers at the front, was received and request complied with.
Recognition of the signing of the Armistice and cessation of hostilities in Europe	PRS021_010_00685_CS	Nov 1918	811. The Mayor presented a Minute (4815) placing on record the feelings of the Members of the Council respecting the signing of the Armistice and cessation of hostilities in Europe, which was received and adopted on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Noller.
Peace Celebration	PRS021_010_00685_CS	Nov 1918	813. The Mayor then reported that a Meeting would be held on Wednesday next to arrange matters in connection with Peace Celebration sat which he desired that all the Aldermen should be present.
Deporting interned Germans	PRS021_010_00689_CS	Dec 1918	834. From Warringah Shire Council (4834) 21st Nov. [November] seeking Councils' cooperation re [regarding] deporting of interned Germans and the retention of the Pacific Islands was received.
Epidemic of Pneumonic Influenza	PRS021_010_00689_CS	Dec 1918	835. From Health Dept. [Department] (4871 & 4836) 29th November asking for certain facilities to assist in combating the threatened epidemic of Pneumonic Influenza was received and request granted.
Precautions to be taken re: pneumonic influenza	PRS021_010_00695_CS	Dec 1918	872. From Health Dept[Department] (4906) 10th Decr [December], forwarding details of precautions to be taken re[regarding] pneumonic influenza, was received and referred to the General Purposes & Health Committee.

Pneumonic influenza checked ...thank you to Dr Crumpston	PRS021_010_00705_CS	Jan 1919	2. (No 5020) Recommending that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Dr. Crumpston re the manner in which the Pneumonic Influenza outbreak had been checked by the quarantine authorities.
Pneumonic influenza is a notifiable disease	PRS021_010_00705_CS	Jan 1919	5. Letter from Health Dept (4939) 6th Dec 1918, forwarding Gazette slip proclaiming Pneumonic Influenza a notifiable disease was received.
Handling of pneumonic influenza	PRS021_010_00721_CS	Feb 1919	85. (83/A) Recommending that the Council forward the Minister for Health a letter of appreciation re the action taken by the State Government to combat the Pneumonia Influenza outbreak. Received and Adopted. (Alderman Moss desiring his name to be recorded in the negative).
Unwillingness to release German detainees	PRS021_010_00722_CS	Feb 1919	91. From Manly Council (46/A) 30th January forwarding resolutions protesting against the release of German internees, was received.
Closure of Centennial Baths due to influenza	PRS021_010_00727_CS	Feb 1919	118. No 2 Moved by Alderman Astill and seconded by Alderman Bartlett: That in order to help combat the dreadful disease which has been devastating most of the countries throughout the world and to assist the State Government in its endeavour to check the possibility of contagion by outbreak as far as possible, the congregation of too many persons in small areas, instructions be issued forthwith for the closing of the Centennial Baths until such time as all danger therein is passed and matters are, from the country's health point of view, again normal. Carried.
Handling of pneumonic influenza	PRS021_010_00735_CS	March 1919	157. From Concord Council (152/A) 17th February forwarding copy of Mayoral Minute re laxity of Victorian authorities in dealing with Influenza outbreak and urging the removal of Federal capital site to Canberra, was received.
£100 to combat Pneumonic Influenza epidemic	PRS021_010_00748_CS	April 1919	226. (324/A) asking for authority to spend up to £100, if necessary, in combating the epidemic of Pneumonic Influenza, was received and suggestion adopted on the motion of the Mayor seconded by Alderman Smith.

Handling of Pneumonic Influenza	PRS021_010_00749_CS	April 1919	233. From Paddington Council (288/A) 26th March, suggesting that the Council protest against the manner in which the Health Dept has mismanaged matters re Pneumonic Influenza outbreak was received.
“No” to exhibiting warning signs on houses with persons suffering from influenza	PRS021_010_00752_CS	April 1919	253. Alderman Gilbert then moved the adjournment of the Council in order to bring under notice the desirability of exhibiting signals at houses where persons were suffering from Influenza, in order that others could avoid contagion by taking the warning so given. There being no seconder the motion lapsed.
Possibility of closing Shire and Municipality borders against areas inflected with Pneumonic Influenza	PRS021_010_00761_CS	May 1919	288. From Merriwa Shire Council (394/A) 22nd April forwarding for Council’s consideration ^Resolutions^ re [regarding] closing the borders of Shires and Municipalities against areas infected with Pneumonic Influenza, was received.
A hearty invitation to Admiral Jellicoe to visit Parramatta – declined	PRS021_010_00769_CS PRS021_010_00770_CS  PRS021_010_00777_CS	May 1919  June 1919	337. At this stage of the meeting a question was asked [sic] the Mayor if it were his intention to invite Admiral Jellicoe to visit Parramatta during his short stay in New South Wales. The Mayor replied that he would do so if the Council wished, whereupon those present signified their approval to a hearty invitation being extended to the distinguished gentleman.  See: <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla:gov:18jan1919">18 Jan 1919 - Admiral Jellicoe's Visit to Australia - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>  377. From R.B. Orchard (517/A) 3rd June, notifying Lord Jellicoe's inability to visit Parramatta was received.
Nurse Essex at Parramatta Relief Depot for Pneumonic Influenza	PRS021_010_00771_CS	June 1919	341. Presented a minute (499/A) stating that as the Relief Depot in connection Pneumonic Influenza outbreak had now been closed he considered it would be wise to retain the services of Nurse Essex for a further period of one month, and had engaged her accordingly to which action he asked the Council's endorsement. Moved by Alderman Moss and seconded by Alderman Mansfield: That the minute be received and the Mayor’s action endorsed. Carried.  See re: Nurse Essex and others supporting Relief Depot <a href="https://nla.gov.au/nla:gov:28jun1919">28 Jun 1919 - The Pandemic. - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>

Influenza Relief Depots closing	PRS021_010_00772_CS	June 1919	347. From the Influenza Administrative Committee (480/A) 23rd May, notifying the closing of Relief depots was received.
Protest against deportation of (German) Paul Freeman (not supported)	PRS021_010_00775_CS	June 1919	367. Alderman Astill then rose and moved the suspension of Standing Orders for a period offive (5) minutes in order that he might bring under notice of Council a matter of great importance to every liberty loving subject of Australia, seconded by Alderman Gilbert and Carried.  Moved by Alderman Astill and seconded by Alderman Hill: That this Council enter its protest against the drastic action of the Federal Government in deporting the man Paul Freeman without a trial. Negatived.  See: <a href="#">16 Aug 1919 - PAUL FREEMAN. - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>
Loyal Orange Lodge Procession	PRS021_010_00777_CS	June 1919	381. From Dist. [District] Secretary Loyal Orange Lodge (523/A) 4th June, applying for permission to hold procession through streets of the Municipality on Sunday the 13th proximo, was received and no objection to be raised provided the police are satisfied.  For more info on the Loyal Orange Lodge in Parramatta see: <a href="#">Historic Houses - Protestant Hall, Parramatta N.S.W.   Parramatta History and Heritage (nsw.gov.au)</a>
Children's Commemorative Peace Medals	PRS021_010_00778_CS	June 1919	386. From Victory Celebrations Committee (534/A)11th June, seeking Council's cooperation & assistance in the distribution of Children's Commemorative Peace Medals was received, and request granted.  See: <a href="#">21 Jul 1919 - STADIUM CARNIVAL. - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a> "Friday in Parramatta was observed as Children's Day, and the business people had all their places gaily decorated with bunting, while a strong citizens' committee organised to give the school children a happy day in the park, providing sports and refreshments for over 4000 children. The effort proved a great success."

Influenza Outbreak – Eulogistic references and practical help re: the great amount of distress	PRS021_ 010_007 82_CS	June 1919	405. The Mayor brought under notice of Council the great amount of distress at present existing in the Municipality caused principally through the Influenza outbreak and reported that he had spent a certain portion of the Emergency vote in the purchase of Blankets and other comforts for the poor and that in addition to that he had been fortunate enough to receive private subscriptions for the purpose although there was still much left to be done in the way of securing warm clothing for the children etc. Eulogistic references to the Mayor's actions were then made by the various Aldermen and the Report adopted on the motion of Alderman Astill, seconded by Alderman Hill.
Influenza Relief Depot opened	PRS021_ 010_007 83_CS	June 1919	409. From Influenza Emergency Dept (556/A) 16th June, notifying the opening of a local Relief Depot was received.
Bio-Chemic remedies for Influenza	PRS021_ 010_007 85_CS	June 1919	421. From S.F. Gray (590/A) 28th June, bringing under notice of Council Bio-Chemic Remedies for Influenza &c, was received.
Tar for Peace Celebration Bonfires	PRS021_ 010_007 89_CS	July 1919	449. From Australian Gas Light Co (646/A) 11th July, donating two casks of Tar for Bonfires in connection with Peace Celebrations, was received and writers to be thanked.
Influenza Relief Depot closing	PRS021_ 010_007 93_CS	July 1919	475. From the Influenza Administrative Committee (687/A) 25th July, notifying the closing of depots &c was received.
Pneumonia Influenza removed from List of Notifiable Diseases	PRS021_ 010_007 97_CS	Aug 1919	499. From Health Department (751/A) 13th August, notifying withdrawal of Pneumonia Influenza from List of Notifiable Diseases, was received.
Peace Ball on 10 Sept 1919	PRS021_ 010_007 99_CS	Aug 1919	514. From Lodge St George (785/A) 22nd August, asking permission to use Council Chamber on occasion of Peace Ball on 10th proximo, was received and request granted.  See: <a href="#">13 Sep 1919 - Masonic Peace Ball. - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>
Papers from World's Peace Conference given to Council	PRS021_ 010_008 04_CS	Sept 1919	540. From Cumberland Argus Ltd. (831/A) 2nd Sept. [September] forwarding for council's records a bound copy of Business Papers used at World's Peace

			Conference was received and writer to be thanked on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Brown.
Starving sheep support	PRS021_010_00833_CS	Dec 1919	690. The Mayor presented a Minute (No[Number] 1139/A) dated 26th November, stating that he had given consent to starving sheep being brought from the drought stricken districts into the Municipality for the purpose of sustaining them on the available grass, and asking for Council's endorsement to such action. After certain words had been deleted from the Minute it was moved by Alderman Hill and seconded by Alderman Gilbert. That the Minute be adopted and the Mayor's action endorsed. Carried.
Congratulations to Sir Ross Smith on his world's flight	PRS021_010_00871_CS	Feb 1920	111. The Mayor reported that prior to Sir Ross Smith passing over Parramatta on his world's flight, he had caused a Telegram of Congratulations to be sent on behalf of the Town to which he received a reply which was read to the meeting.  See: <a href="#">04 Jan 1920 - THE DAMAGED ENGINE AT CHARLEVILLE AND IPSWICH - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>  See: <a href="#">20 Aug 1920 - WORLD FLIGHT - Trove (nla.gov.au)</a>
Concern re: reappearance of Influenza epidemic	PRS021_010_00879_CS	Feb 1920	164. No 8 moved by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Gilbert: That in view of a possible reappearance of the Influenza epidemic, the Sanitary Inspection be requested to make a thorough house to house inspection of the properties within the Municipality at an early date and report upon the sanitary condition of same together with the necessary requirements at each place. Carried.
Hoping that the Prince of Wales will visit Parramatta	PRS021_010_00899_CS	April 1920	280. From State Organiser Royal visit (1602/A) 9th April, returning draft of proposed Address of Welcome with certain amendments was received, the Mayor to make another effort to have Parramatta included in the list of places to be visited by the Prince.
Protest re: Prince of Wales not visiting Parramatta	PRS021_010_00904_CS	May 1920	320. Two letters from Mr. Bruntnell. M.L.A. [Member Legislative Assembly] (1670/A) 23 <sup>rd</sup> April and (321) (1682/A) 28th April stating that he had brought the matter of the Princes' visit to Parramatta under notice

			<p>of the State Governor, who was in sympathy with the request etc. were received. Mr. Bruntnell to be thanked and the following resolution carried on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman E.J. Brown</p> <p>321. Protest re none visit of Prince to Parramatta. "That this Council confer its emphatic protest against the action of the organisers of the Royal tour in not including in the Prince's official itinerary a visit to the historic town of Parramatta and that every endeavour be made, even at this late hour, to have the existing programme amended in order that our Royal guest may be enabled to set foot, if only for a few hours, in the oldest Town in the Australian Commonwealth, the birth place of the two greatest industries in the Commonwealth namely, Wool and wheat, and the first place of residence of the King's representative."</p>
The Prince of Wales WILL be visiting	PRS021_010_00909_CS	May 1920	351. From the State Organiser Princes Tour (1730/A) 8th May stating that it had been arranged for the Prince to pay a brief visit to Parramatta on the morning of the 17th proximo, was received and Mayor authorised to call Public Meeting for Monday next on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Noller.
A Princely Arch for Parramatta Park	PRS021_010_00910_CS	May 1920	361. From W.R. Murray (1759/A) 15th May, suggesting the erection of an arch (representing the entrance to the Parramatta Park) in one of the Sydney Street along which the Prince of Wales is to pass, and offering to donate [pounds] 10 towards the cost of same, was received, Mr Murray to be thanked and the matter to be laid before the Public Meeting on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Noller.
A Ten Minute Visit from the Prince of Wales on 17 June 1920	PRS021_010_00911_CS	May 1920	368. From W.T. Ely (1769/A) 15th May stating that arrangements had been made for the Prince of Wales to visit Parramatta on the 17th of June for a period of ten {10} minutes, was received.
A temporary rail platform to welcome the Prince of Wales	PRS021_010_00917_CS	May 1920	386. The Mayor also reported that in reference to the Princes' visit he, in company with Mr. Ely M.L.A. [Member Legislative Assembly], had waited upon the Railway Commissioner and secured permission to erect a temporary platform on the site of the Old Parramatta Park Platform for the occasion.

The Prince's visit a 'grand success'.	PRS021_010_00929_CS	June 1920	462. The Mayor also reported matters in connection with the visit of HRH [his royal highness] the Prince of Wales, which had been carried out with grand success, and that he had caused a telegram to be forwarded to the Prince on his birthday with greetings from the town which the Prince had duly acknowledged in like manner. Moved by Alderman R.J. Brown and seconded by Alderman Drummond: That the thanks of this Council be placed onto Mayor & others record for the manner in which the Mayor, Ald [Alderman] Noller placed on record Mr. W. Fairclough and others carried out the arrangements for the Prince's reception and welcome. Carried.
Misleading press report re: Prince's visit?	PRS021_010_00929_CS	June 1920	463. The Mayor then presented a minute (1931/A) dated 28th June, calling attention to the misleading press report of the Prince's visit as appearing in the Daily Telegraph of the 25th of June and recommending that a protest be forwarded to the Directors in respect thereto. Moved by Alderman Moss and seconded by Alderman Gilbert: That the Mayor's minute be adopted and that in addition to an emphatic protest the Directors be called upon for an explanation. Carried.
Disappointment re: visibility of Prince on his visit to Parramatta	PRS021_010_00931_CS	June 1920	478. From Cyril Fortescue (1934/A) 26th June, complaining that the Royal train did not draw out from the platform on Thursday last as arranged and thus obscured the view of a large number of persons, was received and the organiser of Royal Tour to be asked for explanation.

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