

INTERESTING FACTS

Expedition 2 – PMC Minute Book 1939-1942

Торіс	Digivol reference	Date	Item
No Chicken Shows at Town Hall!	PRS021_ 015_001 54_CS	Febru ary 1940	95. Parramatta and District Poultry Society (3207/H) [inserted] 27 Jany [January] 1940 asking Council to assist the Society in staging its annual show by granting a reduction in the rental of the Town Hall was received and the writer to be informed that Council does not care to let the Town Hall for that purpose.
Appreciation of French Premier's 'efforts to preserve the peace of the world'.	PRSO21_ 015_001 80_CS	March 1940	200. Consul General for France (3361/H) 28th Feb. [February] forwarding letter received from the Premier of France (Monsieur Daladier) acknowledging Council's letter of appreciation of his efforts to preserve the peace of the world.
'Instantaneous Blackout' Planning	PRS021_ 015_001 87_CS	April 1940	246. Local Govnt Assn [Government Association] of N.S.W. (3452/H) 13th March'40 [1940] asking that two representatives be appointed to attend conference to discuss matter of alteration of electrical installations so as to enable an instantaneous black-out was received and a copy of the letter to be forwarded to the P.&G.[Parramatta & Granville] Elect.[Electric] Supply Co. Ltd.
		Jan 1942	92. Blackouts - At this stage of the meeting the mayor asked the alderman what they thought should be done to black out the Town Hall building when it was decided to obtain quotations for the carrying out of the work - separate prices to be obtained for each room of the building.
Contention re: Parking in Church St, 1940	PRSO21_ 015_001 91_CS	April 1940	269. "That in view of the fact that quite a number of Private Cars are parked in Church St [Street] very often from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Transport Dept [Department] be asked to prohibit the Parking of any vehicle in Church Street between Lennox Bridge and Argyle Street for a longer period than one hour."
			After the matter had been discussed at some length, the mover and seconder agreed to allow the matter to be referred to the General Purposes Committee, enquiries to be made in the meanwhile as to the opinion of the Church St. [Street] businessmen regarding the matter.



Motion to erect the	PRS021	June	- Motion -
Honour Board that is now on display in the Heritage Centre	015_002 63_CS	1940	No 1. Moved by Ald Vaughan, seconded by Ald Waugh:- 518 That this Council consider the advisability of
			erecting a suitable Honour Board in a prominent position to be decided upon, such board to contain the names of all the men who have enlisted from Parramatta in the various branches of the Defence forces for active service."
			- Carried
Preparing for the possibility of incendiary bombs	PRSO21_ 015_002 66_CS	July 1940	536. National Emergency Services P'ma. (4181/H) 3rd July'40 asking Council to call tenders for the supply of sand suitable for dealing with incendiary bombs and that such sand be dumped in suitable localities in the various N. & S. sectors was received and left in the Mayor's hand for investigation.
Petrol Conservation in case	PRS021_ 015_002 67_CS	July 1940	544. Local Govnt. Assn. (4199/H) 6th July'40 forwarding copy of correspondence passing between the Shires Association and the Minister for Wks & Local Govnt re conservation of petrol by means of promoting the use of Producer Gas was received and referred to the Engineer for report.
"Mile of Pennies" Campaign to raise funds for Parramatta Soldiers Hut	PRSO21_ 015_002 68_CS	July 1940	549. Mayoral Patriotic Committee (4231/H) 12th July'40 applying for permission to conduct a "Mile of Pennies" campaign on a date to be arranged was received and permission granted subject to police approval being obtained. <u>See news article re: Mile of Pennies campaign</u>
Scrap metal funds donated to the federal govt's war effort.	PRS021_ 015_002 70_CS	July 1940	- Motion 562. No 1 Moved by Ald Musto, seconded by Ald Waugh:-
			"That the sum of Eight pounds fifteen shillings (8.15.0) received by this Council for the sale of scrap metal, old tools &c be made a gift to the Federal Government for expenditure for war purposes"
			- Carried -



Money saved from Council election postponement to go toward war efforts	PRS021_ 015_002 72_CS	July 1940	570. Balmain Council (4269/H) 4th July'40 seeking cooperation in urging Councils to expend money saved by postponement of elections to assist War efforts.
Binoculars and Prismatic compasses for Military Use – a public appeal	PRS021_ 015_002 88_CS	Aug 1940	658. Dep. [Department] of Wks [Works] & Local Govnt. [Government] (4419/H) 7th Aug [August] '40 [1940] Notifying appeal for Binoculars and Prismatic Compasses for Military use was received and appeal to be made known through the press.
Lobbying for Guns and other war machinery manufacturing contract for Northmead factory	PRS021_ 015_002 95_CS	Sept 1940	697. Sir Fred H Stewart (4503/H) 31st Aug '40 stating that he was making the strongest representations to the Minister for Mutions [sic] and others re munition contracts for Howard Auto Cultivators.
(they were successful in winning the contract)			698. Director Genl [general] of Munitions (4538/H) 28th Aug 1940 & The Prime Minister (4543/H) 5th Sept '40 stating that the Board of Management is fully informed of the position in connection with Howard Auto Cultivators.
			Letter about Howard Auto Cultivator's (HAC) manufacture of guns and other war machinery
Formation of a Civic Orchestra and Choral Society	PRS021_ 015_003 12_CS	Oct 1940	790. O.R. Parker(4659/H) 26th Sept '40 [1940] Suggesting the formation of a Civic Orchestra & Choral Society in Parramatta was received and referred to the General Purposes Committee.
Warragamba Water Works - Invitation to Visit	PRS021_ 015_003 14_CS	Oct 1940	803 G.E. Maunder (4698/H) 2nd Oct [October] '40 inviting the Mayor and Aldermen, Town Clerk & Engineer to attend an inspection of the Warragamba Water works on 17th Oct. was received, invitation accepted and as many as can to attend.
Obtaining empty tins for the de-tinning industry	PRS021_ 015_003 14_CS	Oct 1940	806 Electro-Chemical M. Rep. Co., (4701/H) 2nd Oct '40 asking for cooperation in obtaining empty tins for the purpose of the de - tinning industry was received and cooperation granted during the pleasure of Council.
Clothing Appeal for Britain's War Victims	PRS021_ 015_003 22_CS	Oct 1940	845 H.A. Shaw & R.E. Willis (4813/H) 19th Oct '40 suggesting that a public meeting be called for the purpose of forming a Committee to make an appeal for clothing for Britain's [sic: Britain's] War Victims was



			received and public meeting to be called on Monday 28 th inst. [instant]
Supporting the Snowy River Scheme	PRSO21_ 015_003 28_CS	Nov 1940	878 Hornsby Shire Council (4835/H) 23rd Oct '40 seeking cooperation in urging the Government to proceed with the Snowy River Scheme was received and cooperation granted.
Australia Post issuing petrol rationing tickets	PRS021_ 015_003 44_CS PRS021_ 015_003 45_CS	Dec 1940	954 He also called attention to the inconvenience caused the general public at the Parramatta Post Office on account of the extra work which had to be performed by the staff of that office who were issuing petrol rationing tickets and moved that Sir F Stewart be written to, suggesting that some other arrangements might be made for issuing the tickets which was seconded by Alderman Vaughan and negatived on the Voices.
Vale Sir Baden Powell	PRS021_ 015_003 58_CS	Jan 1941	 10 The Mayor reported the death of Lord Baden Powell referring to the work the late Baden Powell had carried out during his life with the Boy Scout movement and the results which had been achieved. He then moved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Lady Baden Powell from the Council and the Citizens of Parramatta, seconded by Alderman Symonds. Carried in Silence -
Royal appreciation of loyalty	PRSO21_ 015_003 59_CS	Jan 1941	12 L.A. Robb Official Secretary to the Governor. (5089/H) 20th Dec conveying message of thanks received by His Excellency the Governor General from His Majesty for expression of Loyalty.
Death of the Greek Prime Minister, General Metaxas	PRSO21_ 015_003 72_CS PRSO21_ 015_003 73_CS	Feb 1941	83 A Silent vote of sympathy with the Greek Nation was also carried on the suggestion of the Mayor in connection with the great loss that country had sustained by the death of the world renowned General & Prime Minister of Greece (General Metaxas). He also moved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the Greek Government with the request that the sentiments expressed be conveyed to the relatives of the late General.
Appreciation for support of Greek forces in Albania	PRS021_ 015_003 78_CS	Feb 1941	112 Before commencing the business of the meeting the mayor introduced Mr. A. Mistilis a Parramatta business man who wished to present to Council a



			Greek flag in appreciation of the effort by the Mayor and the citizens of Parramatta to raise funds in aid of the Greek forces in Albania. Mr. Mistilis then handed the mayor his letter of appreciation and explanation of the meaning of the flag which was read to the meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr. Mistilis for his gift and paid tribute to the loyalty of the Greek residents in Australia and to the wonderful effort put forth by the Greek forces in Albania.
Motorcycle noise disturbs Council meetings	PRS021_ 015_003 84_CS	Mar 1941	150 At 9.45 p.m. Ald. Irwin rose and moved the suspension of Standing Orders for a period of 10 minutes or less in order to call attention to the noises created by the exhausts of the motorcycles in Church St. on Council Meeting nights. And was given permission, as a matter of urgency to move the following resolution, which was carried on the voices. "That this Council express its indignation, to the proper authorities, at the practice of Motor Cyclists continually racing up and down Church Street on Council meeting nights with open exhausts thereby creating such noises that it is impossible to hear what business is being conducted by Council."
Appreciation from London for clothing sent to Air Raid Victims	PRS021_ 015_003 86_CS	Mar 1941	155 The Deputy Mayor also read an international Telegram he had received from the Lord Mayor of London acknowledging receipt of the clothing sent to the Air Raid victims in England which was received.
	PRSO21_ 015_005 42_CS	Jan 1942	5 Mayor of Birkenhead (Eng [England]) (710/J) 20th Oct [October] '41 [1941] and Lord Mayor of London (725/J) 22nd Oct [October] '41 [1941] expressing thanks for parcels of clothing forwarded for Air Raid Victims.
Appreciation from Prime Minister of England (Churchill) re: condolences on death of former Prime Minister Chamberlain.	PRSO21_ 015_003 87_CS	Mar 1941	159 Prime Minister of Great Britain (5383/H) 31st. Dec'40 returning thanks for letter of sympathy re the death of Mr Chamberlain.
An easy method of decarbonising cars and trucks	PRS021_ 015_003 87_CS	Mar 1941	162 W. Fritt (5391/H) 26th Feb'41 bringing under notice an easy method of decarbonising cars & trucks.



Free rat poison!	PRS021_ 015_004 04_CS	Apr 1941	267 Health Inspector (5614/H) 3rd Apl '41 asking for instructions in connection with the supply of free rat poison to residents of Parramatta was received and ^the ^ practice of free supply to be continued.
Storing food under the Town Hall Stage, in case of a State of Emergency	PRSO21_ 015_004 07_CS	Apr 1941	 N.E.S. [National Emergency Services] Address - 278 The Mayor introduced Mr Moss (Deputy Chief Warden) acting for the Chief Warden who wished to place a number of requests before Council for consideration (5699/H). Mr Moss then stated his requests and explained what his organisation had done since the formation of the body in Parramatta. The Mayor moved and Ald Waugh seconded that the request concerning the storage of food in the room under the Town Hall stage be granted and the other requests to be operative in case of a state of emergency being proclaimed be referred to the General Purposes & Building & Town Planning (Joint) Committee. Carried -
Buying war planes and mobile canteens??	PRSO21_ 015_004 15_CS	May 1941	318 P'matta [Parramatta] Patriotic Fund (5715/H) 7th Apl [sic] [April] '41 suggesting that Council contact all Councils in the County of Cumberland re the purchase of warplanes was received and referred back to the Patriotic Committee for consideration in conjunction with letter received by Council from Mr Willis re Mobile Canteens.
Raising a £35.000.000 War loan	PRS021_ 015_004 15_CS	May 1941	323 Federal Treasurer (5739/H) 26th Apl [April] '41 asking for cooperation in the raising of the war loan of £35.000.000 was received and all bodies working on war efforts to have a copy of the letter.
Heavy Lorry loaned to train transport drivers for National Emergency Services	PRS021_ 015_004 23_CS	May 1941	369 Chief Warden N.E.S. [national emergency services] (5821/H) 12 May '41 asking that a heavy motor lorry be placed at his disposal for the purpose of training transport drivers was received and request granted.
ADF Recruitment Quota = 28 per month	PRS021_ 015_004 36_CS	June 1941	434 Dep Direct of Recruiting (5982/H) 3rd June'41 advising Parramatta's minimum monthly A.D.F. Recruiting quota is 28 was received and full explanation of what is being done by the Recruiting Committee to be made.



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	24_CS		following motions:-
			1. "That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the Citizens of Parramatta and of this Council be extended to the members of the families of the men of the H.M.A.S. "Sydney" in the very sad loss they have been called upon to suffer."
			2. "That this resolution be conveyed to the Federal Government" and
			3. "That the sympathy of the Citizens of Parramatta and the members of this Council, be conveyed to the Federal Government of Australia for the loss they have suffered, not in the monetary value of the ship but in the loss of the lives of the great and gallant men who served their country with such merit and distinction." which was seconded by Ald [Alderman] Waugh and
			- Carried in Silence -
Loss of HMAS Parramatta	PRS021_ 015_005 31 CS	Dec 1941	On Resuming the Mayor presented the following Minutes:-
	PRS021_ 015 005		964 Loss of H.M.A.S. Parramatta (695/J) 15th December and moved:-
	32_CS		"That the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of Parramatta and this Council be extended to the members of the families of the gallant men of the H.M.A.S. Parramatta in the very sad loss they have been called upon to suffer.
			That this resolution be conveyed to the Federal Government. and
			That the sympathy of the Citizens of Parramatta and the members of this Council be conveyed to the Federal Government for the loss they have suffered by the loss of the lives of the great & gallant men who served their country with such merit & distinction."
			Ald [Alderman] Harvey seconded and the motion was - Carried in Silence -
Prime Minister of	PRS021_	Jan	3. Prime Minister of A. [Australia] (706/J) 16th Dec



Australia acknowledges sympathy re: loss of HMAS Sydney and Parramatta	015_005 42_CS	1942	[December] and (747/J) 24th Dec [December] '41 [1941] advising that Council's letters of sympathy re H.M.A.S."Sydney" and "Parramatta" have been forwarded to the Dept [Department] of Navy.
Air Raid Shelters & Trenches	PRS021_ 015_005	Dec 1941	- Special Matter - Air Raid Shelters & Trenches –
	37_CS		Before the meeting closed Ald [Alderman] Symonds moved and Ald [Alderman] Harvey seconded:-
			"That the Mayor be authorised to take whatever action is necessary to provide Air Raid Shelters & Trenches in the city for the use of the public should the occasion arise & immediate action is desirable".
	PRSO21_ 015_005 45_CS	Jan 1942	26 R. Allen (777/J) 7th Jan [January] '42 [1942] stating that he was prepared to accept council's conditions for the subdivision of his property in Pennant Street and Rydalmere Avenue was received; the subdivision [inserted] plan to be signed and endorsed with the conditions and his building application (no 3/42) to be
			considered when the subdivision conditions are complied with.
			27 Chief Warden (780/J) 8th Jan [January] '42 [1942] re the converting of a number of private cellars into public Air Raid Shelters was received and referred to the Special Committee elected to deal with the matter of trench shelters.
			28 Education Dept. [Department], (781/J) 7th Jan [January] '41 [sic] [1941] approving of the ["use" crossed out] of the Old Men's Home site in Macquarie St. [Street] being used for trench shelters under certain conditions was received the conditions agreed upon and the letter referred to the Special Trench Shelter Committee.
	PRS021_ 015_005 46_CS	Jan 1942	29 Chief Warden (799/J) 10th Jan [January] '42 [1942] asking if Council will supply and equip a Road Repair & Clearance Squad for N.E. [National Emergency] Services was received and referred to the Special Trench Shelter Committee.
			30 Chief Warden (800/J) 10th Jan [January] '42 [1942] submitting the names of various people who are



			prepared to make their land available for trench shelters was received and referred to the Special Trench Shelter Committee.
	PRSO21_ 015_005 47_CS	Jan 1942	37 Engineer (805/J) 12th Jan [January] '42 [1942] reporting what had been done in connection with all matter [crossing out] E.S. [?Emergency Services] nature was received and all councils available staff with the exception of the cleaning, maintenance & Garbage staff to be engaged in digging the necessary trenches until such time as the trenches are completed.
			It was also decided to elect a special Committee to decide what trenchs [sic] were to be excavated. The Committee elected being the Mayor, Aldermen Musto, Vaughan & Soames with the Chief Warden and Engineer. The Committee decided to meet the following morning at 8/30 a.m.
	PRSO21_ 015_005 47_CS	Jan 1942	40 Health Inspector (803/J) 12th Jan [January] '42 [1942] recommending that no application fee be charged for the building of air raid shelters was received adopted.
	PRS021_ 015_005 56_CS PRS021_ 015_005 57_CS	Jan 1942	84 Various Persons (846/J) in answer to Council's requests for the use of their land for the digging of trench shelters were received and Engineer to proceed with, the trenches on the land, the owner of which home was made any refusal for the inclusion of a clause re accidents in their agreement - the cares when the
£200 - Mayor's allowance in 1941-42	PRS021_ 015_005 38_CS	Dec 1941	1002 2nd. Mayoral Allowance 1941/2 Term Alderman Cameron moved and Alderman Harvey seconded:- "That the Mayoral allowance for the term 1941/2 be fixed at two hundred pounds (£200)"
War Time Lighting Restrictions	PRSO21_ 015_005 43_CS	Jan 1942	 9 Local Govnt. [Government] Assn. [Association] of N.S.W. [New South Wales] (739/J) 23 Dec [December] '41 [1941] forwarding notice of proclamation re [regarding] War Time lighting restrictions.
Next-of-Kin Notifications	PRS021_ 015_005 14_CS	Nov 1941	872 Dept of Local Government & Health (444/J) 22nd Oct [October] '41 [1941] stating that [inserted] it has been found necessary to revert to the system of



			notification of next of kin by direct telegram in the case of fatal war casualties was received and request made that this area be allowed to continue its present systems of notification by the clergymen.
	PRSO21_ 015_005 43_CS	Jan 1942	11 Dept. [Department] of Defence Co-ordinations (756/J) 27th Dec [December] '41 [1941] stating that the matter of notifying next-of-kin, by [?] telegram, of fatal war casualties must operate throughout Australia.
Rescue & Decontamination Service	PRSO21_ 015_005 57_CS	Jan 1942	88 Minister for NSA (864/J) 24th Jan '42 asking that all employees that can be spared be placed on full time training for four weeks - Rescue & Decontamination Service, was received and Council will cooperate as far as is possible provided the necessary equipment can be made available for the training of the Decontamination Squad.
Evacuation Scheme	PRS021_ 015_005 60_CS	Feb 1942	100 Consideration of letter from U.E.S. Evacuation Service (832/J) 16th Jan '42 and letter from the Minister for National Emergency Services re Evacuation.
			The matter was discussed at some length and various motions & amendments were moved, but after the feeling of the meeting had been ascertained all were withdrawn and the following motion carried - the Mayor being the mover & Ald Musto the seconder.
			"That this Council heartly [sic: heartily] cooperate in the Evacuation Scheme as far as is possible as it is understood that some amendment of the original scheme is likely to be introduced it would like to be informed as early as possible:
			1. Does the original scheme stand or
			2. Will it be amended?
			It is also respectfully requested that the Government:
			1. Take action to make the registration of Evacuees compulsory.
			2. Accept the offer of the School Teachers Federation to cooperate with the Government in the matter, and



	PRS021_ 015_005 61_CS	Feb 1942	 3. Finance the whole of the Scheme from its own funds. And the Minister informed that a meeting of all those interested in the scheme will be called at an early date for the purpose of undertaking the organisation as suggested in the plan and that an office wire be established immediately for the receipt of registrations of Evacuees." Carried. Moved by Ald Harvey, seconded by Ald Vaughan: "That a sign calling attention to office for the receipt of registrations of evacuees be placed in front of the Town Hall." Carried. It was then decided to fix the public meeting for Tuesday the 10th Feb 1942 at 8p.m. in the Council Chamber.
Total War Effort Cooperation	PRS021_ 015_005 75_CS PRS021_ 015_005 76_CS	Feb 1942	No [Number] 2 Moved by the Mayor, seconded by Ald [Alderman) Hay:- 189 "That in view of the serious nature of the war situation and the Prime Minister's appeal to the people of Australia, this Council take steps to immediately transfer the whole of its organisation as far as possible, to a total war effort and that cooperation be granted to all authorities concerned in the carrying out of any work or undertaking that may [?] the assistance of this Council." - Carried - by the addition of the following: "That all work or service to the undertaken shall be subject to the approval of the Finance Committee (or of the Mayor in cases of urgency.)"

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