

In Rawson Park, just below the playing field, remains Mosman's only grave, beneath the monument to Flight Lieutenant Keith Anderson who perished in Central Australia with his companion H. R. Hitchcock in 1929, while searching for Charles Kingsford Smith and his party.



Keith Anderson Memorial. Photo: by the author.

July 1929 was a very uneasy month for Mosman Council.

Numerous letters appeared in "The Daily" from writers who were "amazed", "appalled" and "disgusted", and who saw something sinister in the Council suggestions to demolish the Town Hall, purchase the Anzac Hall (including its debt of £7,500), fit it up as a Council Chamber and borrow £60,000.

The 1930's arrived and many people still recall those grim years of depression, and the Lang era. With the opening of the Harbour Bridge, Sydney was transformed and Mosman transport soon felt the impact. The long and sometimes bitter saga of a garbage incinerator took place, the "ice age" receded as refrigerators moved in, and the erection of flats was controlled by zoning. The first stage of World War 2 started with little evidence of what the 1940's had in store.



How famous "Sun" cartoonist, Tom Glover, saw the fate of Mosman Council.

DON'T FORGET THE PUBLIC MEETING

in the
MOSMAN TOWN HALL,
on **FRIDAY NIGHT,** at 8 o'clock,

against the Council Scheme to fence off Edwards' commercial purposes.

Right of **FREE ACCESS** for Themselves and to be preserved; likewise the natural beauty of the "Concrete Mad" Despoilers.

Will Respond Royally to the

From "The Daily", 1930.

In 1930 irate residents protested vigorously against a Council move to fence off part of Balmoral Beach and charge for entry. When the Minister for Local Government warned the Council not to proceed, *The Sun* newspaper produced the news in cartoon form.

From "The Daily", 29/9/1930

"Warnings are issued against having unauthorised wireless sets in the home, with the fining of 5 people at North Sydney Court for this offence."



Genial Charles Lawrence, who visited many centres during the depression years, presenting his popular community singing nights. He is pictured at Mosman Town Hall.

Photo: "The Daily", 1931.

When The Government Savings Bank of NSW closed its doors, some depositors were forced to sell their deposit books, and others advertised to buy them—at a discount. After a time The Commonwealth Bank took over, and made all deposited money available.

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To Government Savings Bank
Depositors

WHY NOT ACCEPT THIS GENUINE OFFER AND BUY
TYRES RE-TREADED AND FULLY GUARANTEED
MILES, WHILE THIS OFFER LASTS

(SAFETY FIRST)

SOUND TYRES MEAN SAFER
Ring Y5856—MOTORING—Ring Y6856

Commonwealth Tyre Re-treading Service

Advertisement.

From "The Daily", 1931.

WILLIS
SUMMERS' PALACE
NOW OPEN
ADD. SIDE OF BALMORAL
MINUTES FROM

Admission 6d
Swimming
Chairs and all

Advertisement.

From "The Daily", 1931
(See pictures page 13)



LINE CO.
DRAPERS — SPIT JUNCTION
BARGAIN SALE NOW

Two advertisements.

From "The Daily", 1931.

Condensed from "The Daily" 30/11/1930

"Mosman Council has been informed that Sydney Ferries will run steamers from Parramatta to Balmoral on Sunday and holidays during December..."

Condensed from "The Daily" 28/10/1930

"BACKLESS COSTUMES"
Banned at Balmoral

"At last Mosman Council meeting it was stated that two women wearing such costumes were seen at Balmoral on Sunday."

And: "Two ladies were seen wearing backless costumes in a car. It was hoped that Council would prevent the wearing of such costumes which were not nice".

The Mayor concluded with: "anything objectionable in the way of bathing costumes would be banned".

Condensed from "The Daily" 27/9/1930

"Mosman Council has received a letter from Dr Arthur M... regarding land resumption at Rosherville Beach. It is stated that the central part is of a low swampy nature on which erected several structures. In the huts the occupants have lived for periods from three to twenty three years. There is no road into the area and no sanitary service. The swamp is drained by a watercourse which is liable to be filled with beach sand where it enters the sea, thus causing the water in the swamp to rise.

Council decided to make further representations in the matter."