

No future?

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AT last night's City Council meeting, the engineer, Mr. R. R. Anderson, submitted a report on the future of Bendigo East Swimming Pool (pictured).

"For many years," Mr. Anderson said, "the Bendigo East Swimming Club has worked very hard to establish the amenities that exist at the present pool site, and the committee is to be commended on its achievements.

"However, the stage has now been reached when the Bendigo Olympic Pool has been satisfactorily operated for about 15 years and the Strathfieldsaye pool is about to be opened. Between these pools, the Bendigo East pool is situated.

"At the last Council meeting representatives of the Bendigo East Swimming Club stated that they were prepared to forego the diving pool. On this basis, the design has been carefully scrutinised and it is estimated that even with the omission of the diving pool, the cost would be in the vicinity of \$74,000.

\$44,000 short

"It is likely that a Government grant will be

available in the financial year 1972-73 for approximately \$20,000 towards the project and the committee has indicated that it is prepared to contribute about \$10,000. This leaves a balance of \$44,000 to be provided by the Council from some other source.

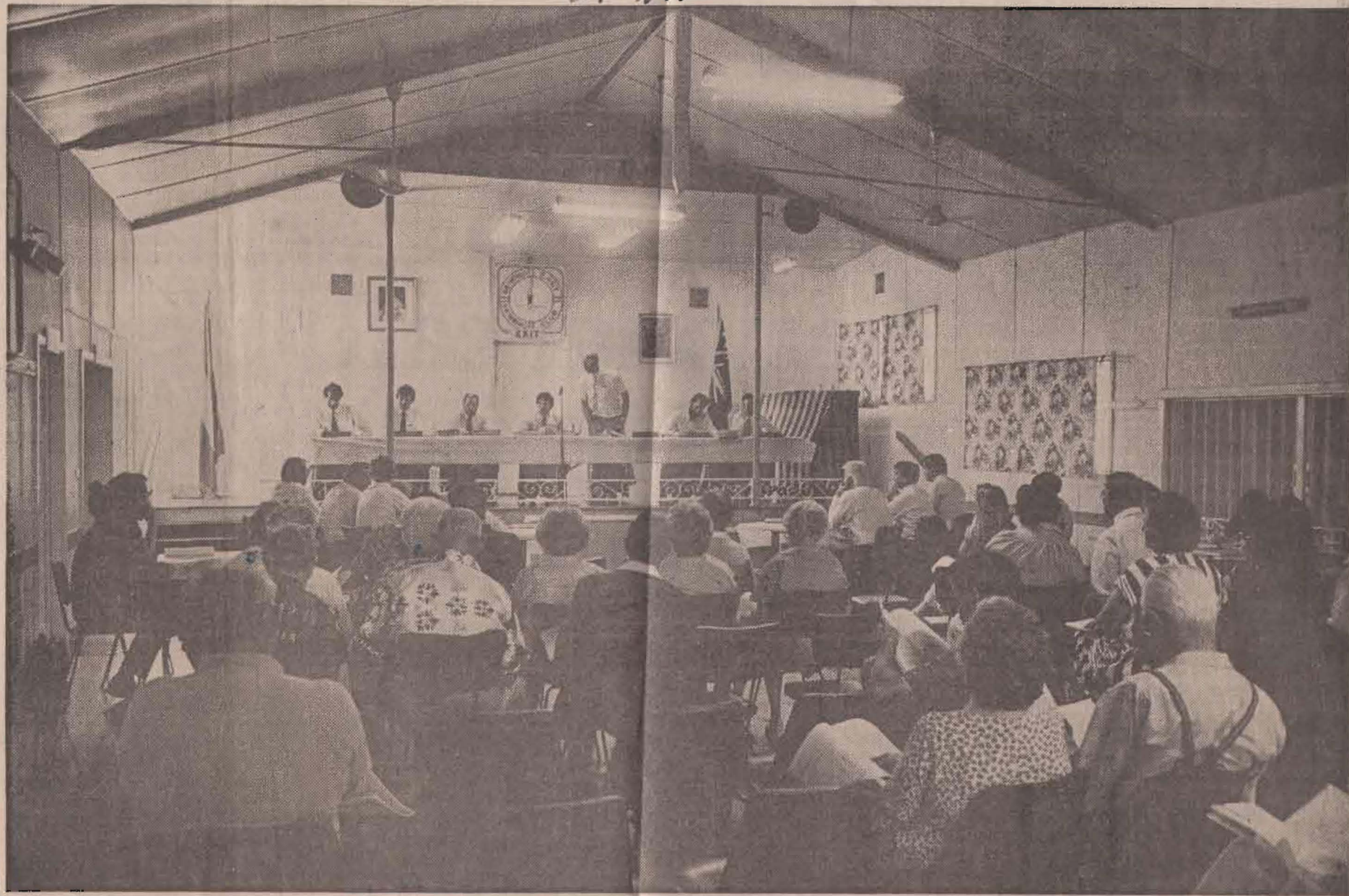
"The alternative is to reduce the size of the pool as suggested for Golden Square. I appreciate that such a suggestion will be unpopular with the club and the residents in the area but in my opinion the establishment of five small sized Olympic pools at various sites cannot be economically justified.

The engineer also reported that detailed estimates had been prepared for Golden Square Swimming Pool on the basis of the main pool being for swimmers only and indicated that the cost would be around \$46,259.

He recommended that both committees be asked to reconsider their proposals.

It was decided to in-

27th November 1987



● ABOVE: Bendigo City Council broke with tradition last night and held its normal meeting at the East Bendigo Progress Association Hall. The move was part of a council aim to try to make its meetings more accessible to ratepayers. More than 50 people took advantage of the opportunity to meet and talk to the councillors.

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