and realize there are a lot of dedicated people whom I have not mentioned and some whom I do not know carrying on the good work.

THE FIGHT FOR BRIGHTON LAWN

Congratulations to Michael Organ for his self-sacrificing and spirited defence of our city’s birthplace.

His discovery that the area is a Conservation Zone of State Significance on Council’s own heritage Study has placed the cat amongst the pigeons.

Until this discovery (and I certainly had not spotted it in the various volumes of the Heritage Study I’d consulted at Wollongong Library) I had long felt that Council’s Heritage Study was a completely ineffective defence for nominated Heritage Items.

I can now see, however, that it at least provides an occasional refuge from which to do battle when the going gets tough.

Michael fought long and hard to prevent the erection on the units on the site of the old Brighton Hotel. If only the existence of this loophole had previously been known then perhaps it would have been possible to use the State Significance Listing to argue that the units currently under construction affect the visual amenity of the Conservation Zone by obstructing the view of Mount Keira which could formerly be glimpsed from the lawn. Surely the onus was on Council Officers to ensure that the visual amenity of a site of State significance was protected?

PORT KEMBLA POOL

I recently wrote in the July Bulletin about the need to get a permanent conservation order slapped on both Wentworth Street, Port Kembla and the need to preserve the Pool Complex as a matter of urgency because these heritage items almost certainly constitute the most intact ‘Between the Wars’ Streetscape anywhere in Australia. My fear was that in the near-future the buildings lining this street would be either tarred up or completely demolished.

Within a few days (Mercury, July 4, 1995) the news broke that Port Kembla Pool was to get a “$2 million dollar facelift” involving “replacing the pool and ‘associated structures’ like the surrounds, amenities block, kiosk and pool pipes.” This would appear to amount to demolition by another name.

A more detailed description of the proposal appeared in a recent edition of the Lake Times