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Penalties if rates unpaid

Members of the Berowra Ratepayers' Action Group (BRAG) were advised last week not to withhold rate payments in protest against Hornsby Shire Council.

The group objects to the council's recently introduced double garbage service and a local levy to pay for the Berowra Community Centre.

Members had planned not to pay their rates in protest.

But the group's solicitor has advised that members could be penalised for refusing to pay up.

He recommends payment accompanied by a letter of objection and a statement saying that the final payment of the rate bill might be altered subject to further legal advice.

His advice was heard at BRAG's third public meeting in Berowra last Wednesday.

BRAG decided to hold a public meeting in Hornsby within two months to canvass support for its stand against the double garbage service.

It hopes to put up candidates at the next local government elections in September.

Minister launches brigade's history

The NSW Minister for Youth and Community Services, Mr Rex Jackson, has launched a book on the history of the Boy's Brigade from 1883 to 1976.

The book, titled *Boys, Urchins, Men*, was written by historian Dr M.E. Hoare.

A member of the brigade, Lee Arundel, presented a copy of the book to Mr Jackson, who was accompanied by the brigade's State president, Mr Les Bingham and the State secretary, Mr John B. Gowman.

Mr Gowman is a resident of the Hornsby area and Mr Bingham, of Carlingford, has been active in brigade work for years.

Following the presentation, Mr Jackson said he had the highest admiration for the fine work undertaken by the brigade, which had 4500 members in NSW and 10 000 members throughout Australia.

At the launch, Mr Jackson presented Mr Bingham with a cheque for \$1000 to assist with the organisation's operational costs.

Copies of the new publication can be obtained from the brigade State headquarters at 103 Queen Street, North Strathfield.

Dogs join parade

FASHION MODELS co-operated with the dog club to provide sweaters, Samoyed Dog Club's frocks and coats handspun parade and seminar at from samoyed hair, claimed Eastwood Rugby Union to be warmer than wool.

The seminar begins at 7.30 pm, with the fashion parade following at 8.30 pm.

Veterinarian Mr A. Julff will speak on heartworm For further particulars

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Chess in group centre

A junior chess club being formed at Turramurra will