

The Glebe Society Strategic Goals: 2008 – 2013

Retain and strengthen our unique heritage as a substantially intact 19th century townscape and important urban conservation area.

- Promote awareness of heritage buildings and the Conservation Areas, and the processes required for its preservation
- Research history and heritage of the built environment to strengthen heritage controls within the town plan
- Encourage the maintenance and restoration of heritage buildings by individuals, businesses and organisations
- Commemorate significant buildings, people and events through informative plaques

Lead the way on local initiatives in sustainability – energy, water, waste reduction and biodiversity.

- Implement specific green initiatives and support sustainable energy and water-saving practices suitable for inner-city residents, businesses and organisations
- Encourage community gardens and composting
- Encourage initiatives to improve water quality in Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays
- Support sustainable public and private gardens, and creation of habitat for biodiversity

Develop a new Town Plan that maintains and enhances the village character and ensures a high standard of new development.

- Ensure community consultation for new planning instruments and new development, and that decisions are made at local level
- Ensure the new Town Plan is inclusive, and consistent with conservation, transport and sustainability needs
- Involve community in Tramsheds adaptive reuse
- Lobby for a masterplan for Harold Park and Tramsheds together
- Ensure any new development, such as Harold Park, is fully integrated, meets community needs and has adequate infrastructure

Improve and extend public transport, encourage walking and cycling and minimise traffic on our streets.

- Support the extension of light rail and integrated ticketing.
- Support facilities for cyclists, including dedicated routes, bike hire and secure stands.
- Adopt measures to discourage through-traffic in residential streets.
- Promote pedestrian routes with signage, maps, appropriate seating and drinking fountains

Develop and extend open space linkage within Glebe and to adjoining communities, as well as developing opportunities for recreational green spaces.

- Ensure completion of walkways to the Fish Markets and beyond, and along Orphan School Creek to Parramatta Road
- Promote pedestrian traffic and recreation.
- Support facilities for community use of Wentworth Park, and encourage discussion of future of the Greyhound Track.
- Ensure small parks are maintained and upgraded, with planting to attract birds.

Encourage diverse and prosperous commercial and business activity that enriches the experience of residents and visitors.

- Preserve the village atmosphere, including diverse, small-scale businesses that cater to both locals and visitors
- Encourage businesses to promote Glebe's heritage streetscape character.

Celebrate Glebe's diverse population and perspectives.

- Support proposals for affordable housing
- Continue to hold events that foster inclusiveness across social groups
- Support local schools through mentoring, grants and involvement in community events
- Work with government and non-government agencies to discourage anti-social behaviour and increase safety and security of residents and visitors

Promote and enhance the intellectual and cultural life of Glebe for all age groups.

- Increase opportunities for lively discussion and debate that welcomes many points of view, making use of diverse venues including libraries, bookshops, pubs, and council rooms
- Encourage use of parks in summer for outdoor cultural events
- Encourage music events to appeal to different resident groups and ages
- Support wi-fi hot-spots in public venues
- Promote links with educational institutions, including information on talks and other events of interest to the local community
- Support public art and special art events
- Use the Society's website as a vibrant interactive resource for members and the community

Extend support services, networks and facilities

- Support services that cater to the range of resident needs – baby health, family and youth services, support for the aged
- Encourage innovative services for sharing, community self-help and collaboration
- Lobby for continuing maintenance and support services for Department for Housing residents