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procedures must be taken by the Department to ensure that these departures are sound at law?

The second question arises from the fact that the members of the Glebe Society are strongly opposed to any change in the original plan which might lead, for example, to an open cut, or a cut and fill tunnel between Lombard and Maxwell Streets. They are of the opinion that a second open expressway through Glebe will effectively destroy the natural unity and amenities of a highly valued and historic suburb. The Society is of the opinion that the original plan for a tunnel, by tunnelling, should be strictly adhered to, or the plan for a North Western Distributor passing through Glebe be abandoned.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard Smith
President

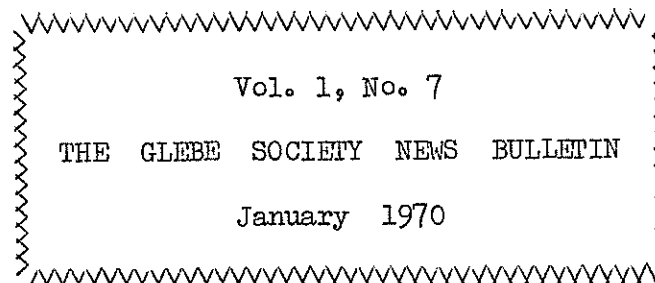
Dear Mr. Smith,

I have for acknowledgement your letter of 3rd December concerning the proposed North Western Expressway, a portion of which may be a tunnel between Palmerston Avenue and Maxwell Road, Glebe.

The Society's comments in this matter have been carefully noted. I will take this question up with the Commissioner of Main Roads. As soon as possible, I will write again.

Yours faithfully,

P.H. Morton



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that 1970 will be an excellent year for the Glebe Society. Now that we are well-established we want to push forward with four main aims : to ensure that plans for expressways and home-unit development do not wipe the Glebe we know right off the map; to at least double, and if possible, treble our membership; to expand our activities in the community; and to do our best to preserve the best of Glebe's historic character.

To do these things we shall need even more volunteers to help with the organisation of events, to help with the documentation of architectural and historical details, and to keep a watchful eye open for any developments in the area which might be against the interests of the residents of Glebe.

SUB-COMMITTEES

As many members already know, the Society operates through a number of sub-committees, linked by the Management Committee. The Planning sub-committee meets on the third Sunday of every month. It looks into problems of building regulations and codes, open spaces and parkland, and the problems of traffic and roads. The History sub-committee has finished a detailed photographic survey of the Bishopthorpe area of the Church of England-owned Glebe. In the next few months, the sub-committee intends to make a wider and slightly more general survey of the rest of Glebe, including any buildings, terraces, shops etc. that are of

architectural or historical interest. In doing this, the Society will not only have a complete record of Glebe; it will also have at its fingertips useful ammunition for publicity purposes in the event of Glebe being threatened. The Social sub-committee has already arranged a number of very pleasant activities, including a harbour cruise when members invited children from the Bidura Home to come along, and the Christmas Party at the Spanish Club.

If you want to join any - or all - of these sub-committees, please contact :

Dennis McManus (Planning sub-committee) 140 Hereford St.,
Glebe, tel : 660-6593

Max Solling (History sub-committee) 17 Avona Ave.,
Glebe, tel : 660-1160

Mrs. K. Smith (Social sub-committee) 23 Avenue Rd.,
Glebe, tel : 660-1824

Every fortnight, one or two members of the Society have been attending meetings of the Leichhardt Council in order to keep the Management Committee in touch with its activities.

SUCCESS !

The Glebe Society Christmas cards proved to be a tremendous success. We sold the lot - 900 of them - and plan to order a larger amount next year.

LIST OF MEMBERS

To mark the New Year, we thought we'd list all our members, so a list is enclosed. As you know, Family Membership is counted as two members.

TENNIS

The group of 'A' Grade players still needs one more member to join them on the Camperdown courts on Sunday mornings. If you would like to play and are of 'A' standard, please ring Max Solling (660-1160).

CRICKET MATCH

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our cricket match proposed for this month because not enough Paddingtonians were available to play. We tried to book Jubilee Oval for an afternoon in March but were unsuccessful. So regretfully we shall have to wait until next summer for the match.

EXPRESSWAY

The Society is very concerned about the proposed NORTHWESTERN EXPRESSWAY that will cut through Glebe. We have written the following exploratory letter to the Minister for Local Government and Highways, Mr. P.H. Morton, and have received an interim reply from him which we publish here. Now that the holiday season is over, the Society proposes to take the matter up immediately.

Dear Mr. Morton,

The Glebe Society has noted that the plan for the proposed North Western Expressway is shown on the map of the City of Sydney Planning Scheme as a tunnel between Palmerston Avenue and Maxwell Road, Glebe. Property owners in the vicinity have been informed by the Department of Main Roads that the Department is at present studying the feasibility of constructing the section of the Expressway between Lombard Street (near Palmerston Avenue) to Maxwell Street in tunnel (by tunnelling), see letter from C.W. Mansfield, Secretary of the Department of Main Roads, to Dr. S.B. Conlon, dated April 2, 1969.

The Management Committee of the Glebe Society would like to be informed:

(1) Whether the Department of Main Roads' study of the section referred to above has led to any decisions since April for a change in the original plans for a tunnel (by tunnelling).

(2) In the event of the Department of Main Roads finding it preferable, for economic, technical, or any other reasons, to depart from the original plans for a tunnel (by tunnelling), as shown in the City of Sydney Planning Scheme map, what