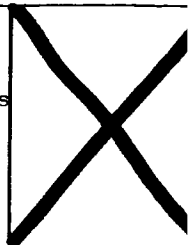


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GREATER INVOLVEMENT

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

"As for the incoming year, we have much to do. The main problems are still with us: expressways, sub-standard home units and houses-let-in-lodgings and the threat of container terminals and heavy industry. These issues are now reaching a critical stage and we will have to be even more active and alert in the coming year.

Bearing these matters in mind, I should like to see the Glebe Society become more outgoing and to concentrate even more on the general community spirit and welfare of all in Glebe. Thus I hope to encourage everyone to become more involved in Glebe itself and to set up cross dialogues in all directions. With sufficient dialogues people will get to know one another and this will help form Glebe into a solid community with everyone genuinely concerned with the welfare of everyone else. Indeed there are many specific areas (e.g. schools) that require immediate attention.

There are enough activities in Glebe to involve all. To cite a few: youth groups, church groups, sporting clubs, school groups, political organisations, and charity and community aid groups. Everyone should be active in some one thing and thus do his part in getting into the community. We hope to discuss certain of these areas in coming bulletins.

This may appear to be playing down the Glebe Society a bit, but I feel that the welfare and community of Glebe is, in the final analysis, more important than the Society. The Society, through it's sub-committees (Planning, Social, Historical etc.) has it's own proper role in this community.

Sam Conlon

The notices of motion that were published in the last Bulletin were all adopted at the Annual General Meeting and will now become part of the Constitution.



THE OLD HAROLD PARK HOTEL AT THE CORNER OF ROSS STREET AND WIGRAM ROAD. FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LILLYBRIDGE HOTEL, IT WAS ERECTED IN 1888 AND DEMOLISHED IN 1959.

THE SHADOW OF EXPRESSWAYS

The D.M.R. has learnt by experience that by leaving houses they resume empty, owners and tenants living near the empty homes become increasingly more willing to get out or sell out at deflated prices. It is a policy of deliberate blighting. If private home owners did the same, they would most probably be prosecuted by the Council.

Houses in both Cardigan and Bellevue Streets had their windows smashed soon after becoming vacant.

DMR MEETING

The Glebe Society met recently with the Department of Main Roads. The following is a brief account of the meeting;

North-Western Expressway

The design of the northwestern expressway up to about Bridge Road is almost complete. Construction is expected to commence within a year. At Bridge Road ramps would connect to existing streets. Bridge Road and St. Johns Road would become one way.

We pointed out that Glebe is going to be saturated with traffic and that construction of the tunnel to Harold Park should follow very closely. D.M.R. indicated that private consultants are to be engaged shortly for the design of the tunnel.

Pymont Bridge would eventually be demolished but Glebe Island Bridge is to be retained. This may limit any major redevelopment of Glebe foreshores for shipping facilities.

Western Expressway

The construction of this expressway is not expected to commence until the Ultimo interchange is completed. D.M.R. is of the opinion that it would be a minimum of 10 years and possibly 20 years before any work commences on this section. The expressway is expected to pass over Glebe Point Road and be submerged in an open cut section along the Ridge of Forest Lodge. All the existing streets will be linked with overpasses. The Ross Street interchange will possibly be eliminated from the present design.

The Glebe Society now has an opportunity to probably stop or re-route the expressway. We have time on our side. If not, it gives us time to make sure that disruption to the Glebe Community is minimal.

P.V.P.

Annandale Plan

At the Annandale Association's Annual General Meeting on 16/8/71, announcement was made of the nearing completion of a Plan for Annandale, prepared by the Planning Sub-committee. This comprises a set of recommendations which are to be submitted to L.M.C. shortly. The plan's main aspects are: a new building code for 2B zoning which encourages the preservation of the character and amenity of these areas; suggestions for new parks; control of heavy traffic; historic preservation and the preservation of the townscape. It also expressed the Association's attitude to the expressways and increasing aircraft noise and urges Council to express resident's opposition to these destructive elements at every opportunity.

The Association is hoping that the plan will receive the attention of Council at its last pre-election meeting on 7th September.

B.M.

subs due

No, girls, don't go racing down to the wharf. We mean that many subscription renewals for 71-72 are now well overdue. We won't be able to give you a bigger and better Bulletin unless we receive your subscription (apart from that, you are driving our treasurer mad).

Membership fees are - Ordinary \$2, Family \$3, Students 50c, Pensioners 50c, Life \$40.

Please forward your subscriptions to;

The Secretary,
The Glebe Society,
P.O. Box 100,
Glebe. 2037

If you would prefer someone to pick up your subscription ring 660-5996 and a member will call on you.

MEETING PLACES WANTED

As members are probably aware, Glebe lacks pleasant and convenient places for social gatherings. The Town Hall is virtually the only building available, and it is too bleak and cavernous for informal meetings. We would be very glad to hear from members who would be willing to make their homes and/or gardens available for meetings of the Glebe Society.

Such an offer would not commit you to catering or doing any other work. If you are able to help in this way, please ring Maureen Colman, 660-4824.

M.C.

STUDENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

A preliminary meeting to set up a committee to discuss matters affecting students in Glebe, such as housing, will be held at 23 Avenue Road Glebe on Sunday 26th September, 8 p.m.

B.S.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of the contribution Prof. Bernard Smith has made to the Glebe Society during the first two years of the Society's life, the incoming management committee has voted Life Membership to our former President.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Ratepayers and tenants are both eligible to vote in the coming Council Elections. If you are in any doubt, electoral rolls are available for perusal from Jan Potter or Eric Sandblom. Just ring 6606593 for any information regarding these elections.

Despite the apparent apathy about local government, your vote is more important because it requires less than 2,000 to elect two aldermen.

Spread the word and turn out on September 18

Green Thumb

The next Garden Competition is to be judged by Mr. P.G. Conley from the Royal Horticultural Society on Saturday, 16th October. This year the number of categories have been increased to give members a wider choice and even the smallest plot or window box can be entered. We are hoping to find at least one decorative well in Glebe.

Last year Mr. Conley was impressed by the number of fruit trees, especially lemons, which were growing in Glebe and he has suggested that this year a category for fruit trees be included. If you have any fruit trees, either with your vegetables or growing among flowers, don't forget to enter them.

A good neighbour garden has been included this year for the first time as this is especially applicable to terraces where two or three gardens and footpaths are planted as one.

All those who have entered our two previous competitions have said how much they appreciate the helpful ideas given them by Mr. Conley and are looking forward to meeting him again this year. We would welcome entries from newer members even if your garden is very "new".

Some members have suggested that a category for new gardens be included in our competition, but this is not possible in Glebe. Most of our gardens have at some time or other been cultivated and in R.H.S. terms "new garden" can only be applied to the garden of a recently built house - both house and garden should be new.

Entries have already started to come in and we are looking forward to many more. The final date for acceptance is Friday 8th October.

M.W.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 7th September, 8 p.m. Social Activities Group meeting at the Winley's, 21 Acadia Road.

Friday, 24th September. Theatre party to see Bunuel's gripping film "The Exterminating Angel" at the New Arts Cinema, Glebe Point Road. The cost will be \$1.50 (normally \$2.00). If you want to see this famous movie (the first time shown in Australia though made in 1961) please 'phone Anna Forknall 660-5162.

Saturday, 2nd October, 10-30 to 12-30 Coffee Morning at the Mispels', 3 Cardigan Street. Charge 20 cents.

Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th October Glebe Primary School Annual Flower Show and Cookery Competition in the Glebe Infants Assembly Hall, Derwent Street.

Saturday 16th October Garden Competition.

Saturday, 23rd September, 8 p.m. "Welcome to New Members" at the Page's, 5 Jarocin Avenue.

November Ferry Trip =====
Date to be announced in the next bulletin.

HISTORICAL JOURNAL

The Annandale Association, the Balmain Association and the Glebe Society have agreed to co-operate in the publication of an Historical Journal, to be published every Summer and Winter. The purposes of the Journal are:

1. To encourage the research and writing of history relating to the geographical area and the people of the present Municipality of Leichhardt;
2. to encourage as wide an awareness as possible of the history of this area; and
3. to facilitate the preservation and dissemination of this historical research.

Articles from anyone are welcome.

SUGGESTED TOPICS.

1. Histories of buildings
2. Biographical articles
3. Notes on organisations of any kind (sporting, religious, commercial, social, political, educational), which exist or have existed in this area
4. Interviews with or recollections of residents
5. Notes on relics of early inhabitants
6. Records of inscriptions
7. Origins of street names
8. Bibliographies or notes on the location of relevant historical data
9. More erudite articles on subjects such as municipal politics, architecture, sociology etc. pertaining to this area
10. Articles on historical subjects outside this area, but relevant to it either by having an influence on it or by being connected through a resident of this area
11. Articles discussing the historical methods involved in researching the history of this area, e.g. the nature of local history, the use of tombstone evidence and ratebooks etc.
12. Notes or reviews on historical writing elsewhere which has a bearing on the study of this area.

The possibilities for subjects are endless, and the requirement of "worthiness of preservation" in articles will not be hard to meet. Length is not important: articles might range from one or two paragraphs to fifteen pages. Contemporary material will also be welcome.

The Editorial Committee will consist of the Convenors of the History Sub-committees, or their deputies, of each Association, plus at least two other people to co-ordinate production and arrange sales. Others interested are welcome to join. Please direct articles and enquiries to Alan Roberts, 44-6248 or c/- 289 Annandale Street.

If you are a member with a secret desire to live in Balmain, you may indulge in your vice by purchasing a copy of "BALMAIN IN TIME" for \$1:75. 49 photographs, 10 drawings, 3 maps Available from our Secretary, Sue Tzannes



THE LARRIKINS

During the eighteen eighties folk song and literary work romanticised the Australian rural character. The romantic image of the bush worker was created by the urban middle classes who dreamed of a way of life that they could never in reality hope to enjoy, and these legends provided an escape from the monotonous regularity of city life.

However, the "bush hero" was rivalled by the appearance of street gangs in cities throughout the world - the English hooligan, the American Bowery boy and the Sydney Larrikin.

Although in its most particular sense the term "larrikin" was applied to members of the street gangs which harassed and terrorised citizens in streets and public places after dark, the larrikin's other sources of amusement included attending dances, picnics and excursions.

Most of the members of the gang or "push" were drawn from the lowest income groups in the urban areas and their unrest was based on social and economic disadvantages from which they suffered as unskilled workers. These were considered to be the boring nature of their unskilled factory jobs, their economic insecurity and the little hope they could entertain of improving their economic condition.

The Bulletin in its early, less radical years wrote "The larrikins who demonstratively display their evil propensities out outrageous proclivities in full public view do not as a rule belong to the well-to-do classes. They are the idle, the uncared for, the wilful and the depraved".

More specifically one writer described members of the Glebe push as "sharp active horsey looking vicious cads...the larrikinesses are melancholy creatures. One wonders what their mothers could have been".

During the 80's larrikins favoured a dress which features, for women, feathers and high heeled shoes and for men "a short coat with velvet collar an open vest, and a narrow neck-tie, bell bottomed trousers, and a soft felt hat with a broad stiff brim".

Wat Gould disliked the larrikin. "These human grutes look like some foul excrescence upon the earth when seen in the Botanical gardens" and could considered that "these idle dissolute youths" were combining together for the purpose of waging war on society. On the other hand characters such as C.J. Dennis' "Ginger Mick" were highly sentimental and sympathetic portrayals of the larrikin.

The eventual decline of larrikinism was attributed to improved educational standards, extension of unionism and the great array of organised entertainments available to working class youth films, sports facilities and boys clubs.

M.S.



MISCELLANY

The Paddington Society will field three candidates in the Wodlakra Council elections in September. They are Mr. T. Read, a film production executive, Mr. K. Cottier an architect and Mrs. M. Prill.

We note that Dennis McManus is standing as an independent C.E.C. candidate for Lilyfield in the coming local government elections. Dennis is one of our most active members being the main architect of the Glebe Master Plan and for some time convener of the Planning sub-committee. His experience as a town planner and sound common sense has formed the basis for the Glebe Society's planning philosophy. He and Ian McIlveen were, with David Young, co-founders of Community Aid. Dennis is of the calibre we should expect of aldermen in Leichhardt Council.

Sydney architect Warren Samut tells of the appreciation the people of Milan feel for their city and its architecture. "If they disapprove of a new building they pelt it with rotten eggs and vegetables. This stimulates architects to strive for better things". And no doubt makes developers consider more than just how cheaply they can build.

Ad. in Saturday paper - "Development sites required with or without Council approval within 10 miles of city. Michael Craig Assoc. 439-3488"
Bit blatant we thought.

Mr. W. S. Gaffney, the chief engineer of the N.R.M.A. has offered to the government to advise on car pollution that "car pollution is a lot of hogwash and emotional rubbish" and that "there is no need for the government to follow the stringent standards being set in the United States". Meanwhile, emphysema, a lung disease caused by gases and particles in the air has killed 12% more people every year for the past 20 years in the large American cities.

At the recent N.S.W. Local Government Association conference in Wagga, six Sydney councils submitted motions to the conference that residents be given the right to appeal against approval of a development. (Developers have the right to appeal against the disapproval of a development). Leichhardt Council was not one of the six.

Mr. John Albon who heads the Council of Home Unit Owners of N.S.W. said in an article in the Sydney Morning Herald recently, "I think it's the silliest thing in the world to have children in flats". In the same article a spokesman from the State Planning Authority is quoted as saying, "All we can suggest is, if people are not happy with their flats or home units, sell and get out". Out to where?

Candidates for Leichhardt Council elections spoke at the Annual General Meeting of the Annandale Association. Sitting Alderman Wilson revealed, when questioned about the proposed new town hall at Leichhardt, that it would cost \$4 million. When asked why the existing four town halls could not be fully utilized, he said that it would be "cheaper" to build a new one. When a member of the audience said, "What, four million cheaper?" Ald. Wilson explained that it would be cheaper because Council intends to give the job over to a developer.

Two thirds of the land encompassed by the city of Los Angeles is covered by appurtenances of automobiles.

Future Bulletins will carry short biographies on management committee members with a brief statement of their attitudes towards the problems of Glebe.