

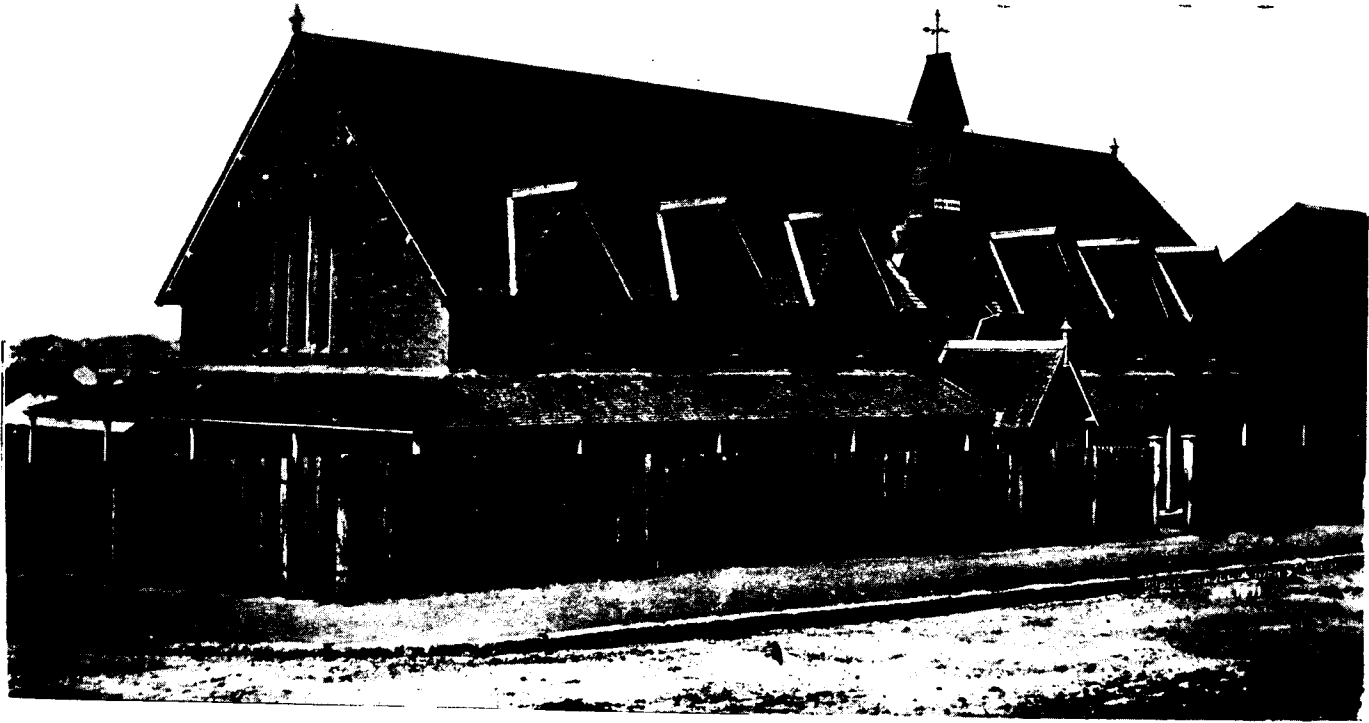
THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MEMBERS

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE; a cross means your sub. is due this month. Please post to The Treasurer P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037.



ORIGINAL GLEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, BUILT 1862 (1871PHOTO)

GLEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Last week 63 concerned parents and residents attended a meeting at Glebe Public School called by the headmaster, Mr. Jordan, which successfully achieved its objective of forming a P & C Association, sadly lacking over years of indifference from the community.

We hope the formation of this body will help correct the many shameful inadequacies of the school at present. Due to the continued but unfulfilled promise by the Education Department of a new school and their directive to curtail expenditure on the existing one, the buildings are badly delapidated, particularly the original church structure. What paint

there is is peeling off, some roofs leak, there is no lighting in the classrooms (in one room the blackout paper from the war has only recently been removed), the toilet facilities are unbelievable and the staff amenities practically non-existent. The childrens playground is the street between Glebe Point Road and Derwent Street, blocked to through traffic. We hope the new council can at least rectify this, by granting the land to the school.

These faults can and should be overcome as the original building, properly restored would compare favourably, perhaps even surpass, many new schools. The rooms are large, the construction solid and soundproof, the ceilings immensely high. Once the headquarters of the Education Dept. Broadcasting Section, the broadcast room now serves as TV and film room, with the offices behind converted to a migrant teaching classroom. There is a special needlework room, and the large light library, recently created out of 2 rooms, could not be faulted.

Lately, the Education Dept. seems to have partially rescinded its veto on repairs and plans are made for painting the exterior and some of the classrooms. Hopefully, this will not be merely another stopgap measure, but the beginning of complete renovation. If not, the newly formed P & C should form a vocal and effective accelerator. The Glebe Society has pledged its support, should it be asked.

retrospect

Sale of allotments, originally owned by the Church Corporation. Sydney Morning Herald, March 24th, 1843, page 4 column 8.

Blackwattle Swamp

Being a portion of that splendid "Building Ground" adjoining the property of Thomas May, Parramatta Street -

36 allotments, with frontages to Brisbane and May Streets. Mr. Stubbs has received instructions from the proprietor to bring to public sale, at the Mart, King Street, on Monday 27th March, 1843, Sale precisely at 1 o'clock.

All the above important Building Property which is all pegged out and particularly described on the plan to be seen at the Mart for public information and general guidance.

A FACT

"The true theory of profit lies in the economy of purchase; and the only money making way now-a-days is by turning over weekly rents. The receipts there soon amount to the outlay and all remains a snug clear freehold. If (so be) of such valuable City Building Ground as there "Blackwattle Swamp Allotments".

The mechanics and industrious classes are again reminded, buying freehold property in good time. They have only to look at the thousands of their fellowmen well off, solely from having pursued these means. What industry earns, sobriety should preserve; and a man by his property, at first, from being a humble voter, grades to the higher offices as a citizen; and thus the very mechanic of '43 soon becomes, at an early age, the chosen representative of other men's estate, solely arising from the wisdom and prudence in the past management of his own.

The Public will please to Notice

By turning in at the Sportsman's Arms, Parramatta Street, at the back of the premises you are on the ground at once - all pegged out - and these allotments are in the business part of the city, in Parramatta Street, and most desirable part of Blackwattle Swamp - easily built upon, stone and bricks just at hand, convenient for labour and materials. The size of the allotments are of much more convenient size than those now comprising the village of Chippendale, over the way. That by commencing building "before" the New Assembly sit - the Building Act, will not interfere in the sized house desired. That houses of the moderate description are required daily in that quarter of the City, and not idle a minute. In three months every house might be built and rented off.

Most abundant water is convenient at hand and that in a few minutes a man may be in George Street in his employment, or at his work anywhere in the neighbourhood. The title is Freehold - purchased from the Church Corporation, and the terms easy, viz:-

Terms - under £50, ten per cent cash deposit and residue by approved Bills at three, six, nine and twelve months, without interest, twelve per cent, allowed for cash.

Not to forget "the Champagne Lunch to be provided for the Company".

miscellany

A recent survey conducted by Dr. A. J. Sutton, senior lecturer at the Macquarie University School of Behavioural Sciences has shown that three out of every four families with young children living in home units wanted to move to a house but could not afford to move. As flats are not designed for children, they are forced to play in the car parks.

Mothers interviewed complained of noise, lack of privacy and shoddy construction. Dr. Sutton said, "With increased housing costs it is possible that families are being forced to remain in these flats and units longer than they would like, with a possible increase in psychiatric stress on children. Would the pulling down of homes to build units be contributing to the shortage of homes?"

The State Government has "viewed with concern" Wyong Council's use of a Tree Preservation Order to protect a redgum forest Associated Minerals wished to destroy to mine rutile. Somehow chopping a tree down in your own backyard is a greater evil than chopping down a forest.

The Royal Australian Historical Society has given \$60 from a Government Grant to the Glebe Society's History sub-committee towards an Architectural and Topographical Survey of the Bishopthorpe Estate in Glebe.

The Glebe Children's Homes run by the Department of Child Welfare have been in the news recently. If you would like to show your interest in these children, now's your chance. The Society has arranged with the Matron of Bidura, the girls' home, that members may 'adopt' a girl for the day and take her on our Ferry Trip on Saturday 13th November. Anyone wishing to do this is asked to contact Jeanette Knox (660-8173) in working hours for full particulars.

Tennis anyone? If you enjoy a game now and then why not join our tennis group. We are not after A grade players. If interested, ring Max Solling 660-1160.

"No matter how much money is spent on roads, one cannot get ahead of the motor car" - Milton Morris, N.S.W. Minister for Transport.

A Publications sub-committee has been formed within the Society. Its basic task will be to give you a better and brighter Bulletin. Also, we hope to bring out a few reports, booklets and such over the next months. If you would like to offer any talent, interest or ideas please contact Vernon Winley, 660-3529.

Members are urged to support Leichhardt Council's protest against urban expressways by attending the public meeting to be held at Leichhardt Town Hall on October 27th. If not for Glebe's sake, for Sydney's sake!

The official-looking blue and white leaflet being distributed by the Annandale Estate Agency and headed "Department of Main Roads and Council Rezoning" may claim to be offering a service to residents, but are surely designed to scare home owners by implying that their homes have just become affected. This type of behaviour, while within the law, is typical of some Real Estate agents and Developers within the area.

PROGRESS ?

The Victorian Government has scrapped a \$20 million section of Melbourne's planned freeways and is reviewing its whole city transport systems. Mr. Hunt, the Minister for Local Government in Victoria has stated that, "The community must cease to be mesmerised by the motor car". The Cabinet will look to improved public transport systems.

Adelaide took similar steps recently. Looking overseas, most cities of the world are scrapping city freeway schemes and looking to public transport. Meanwhile, a N.S.W. politician has stated opposition to any move by the State Government to curtail expressway construction in Sydney.

Caterpillar Tractors have been running a large obscene photograph of the Western Distributor stomping over city buildings saying - "Good roads don't cost - they pay". Do they? The Commonwealth assisted State road authorities with more than \$1,840,000,000 over 20 years. None of this amount was repayable. Railways have received 1/19th of this amount and most of this assistance has been repayable.

San Francisco changed to a concentration on public transport (BART system) recently, but still has too many people driving into the city over the famous Golden Gate bridge. The bridge toll surplus is being used to wage a \$87,500 campaign to discourage commuters from using the bridge and to pay for 4 new ferries across the Bay.

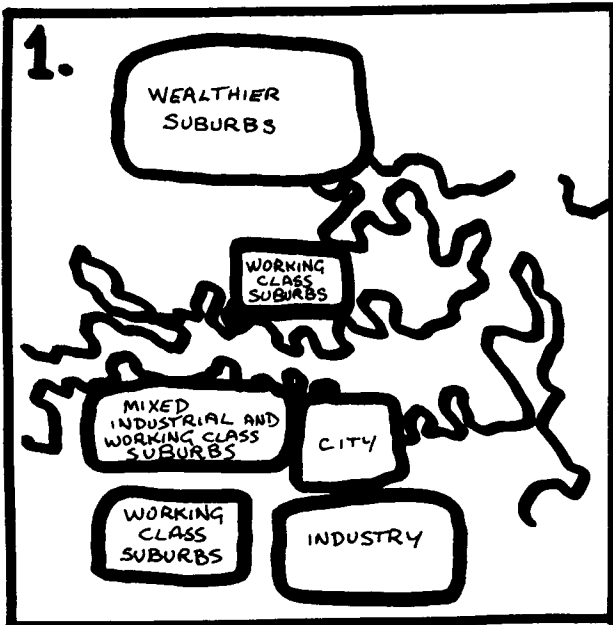
Meanwhile, Sydney continues to build expressways to draw even more traffic to our own overcrowded bridge. For Sydney's sake, stop this expressway madness.

MEMBERSHIP

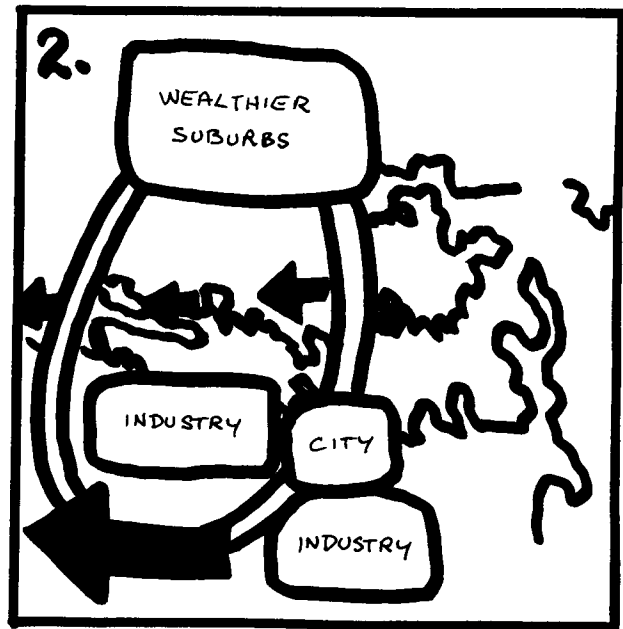
We welcome the following new members;

Mrs. Joyce Landan,	Miss Hazell Harris,
Ald. David Young,	Mary F. Pollard,
Jeffrey A. Miles,	Mr. & Mrs. M. Ey
Mrs. M. Gat	Miss J. Kenway,
Mr. J. Kenway,	Mr. & Mrs. E. N. Sullivan,
Miss L.M. Charlesworth,	J.F.W. Garvey,
Colin Hopkins	Mr. R. W. Kirkham,
Miss Mavis Lyons,	A. Madarasz,
Miss Dorothy Perkins,	Rudolph Phlon,
Mr. A. J. Rodd,	Mrs. B. A. Stacey,
Miss M. Woods,	Elizabeth Johnston,
Mrs. Ruth Nguyen,	David Reedy,
Jon M. Rhodes,	Stafford J. Watt
Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Went,	Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Williamson,
Miss J. P. Wilson	

Please note the "Welcome to New Members" night at the Pages', 5 Jarocin Ave., Friday 22nd October at 8 p.m.



DIVIDE CITIES INTO AREAS (GHETTOS?)



BUILD ROADS THROUGH PARKS AND HOMES IN WORKING CLASS AREAS BUT NOT THROUGH INDUSTRY OR COMMERCIAL AREAS. GIVE WATERFRONT TO INDUSTRY (CHEAP INDUSTRIAL SEWER) DISPLACE WORKING CLASS OUT WESTWARDS.

ACTION FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Action is the common denomination of the Glebe Society and Action for World Development. The Society, naturally, is principally involved in the local community. However, it has the inspiration, organisation and ability to lead its members and the people of the area to a fuller understanding of the meaning of a community at all levels - local, national and international.

The immediate aim of Action for World Development is a national study campaign to take place in July 1972, to confront Australians with the issue of human development as a universal need. The primary method for pursuing the studies will be to create ecumenical study groups at the parish level. Such groups of approximately twelve people, each with a trained leader, would meet once weekly for the four weeks of July 1972, using study material produced especially for this programme. It is anticipated that more than 200,000 people could be involved in this nation-wide programme.

Involvement in Action for World Development appears to be a natural outgoing extension of Action for members of the Glebe Society. All interested members are invited to a Regional Committee Meeting of Action for World Development to be held at St. Joan of Arc's Catholic Church Hall, Dalhousie St., Haberfield at 7-30 p.m. on Wednesday October 20th. For further information, contact Norman Bancks, 660-3315.

LOCAL DRAMA GROUP

It's good to see culture coming to Glebe - in fact we are virtually the cultural centre of Australia since last Friday. No, I don't mean the Spring Carnival at Harold Park. No, I don't mean the stage performance of Oh! Calcutta! I mean the live street show that went on outside.

Scene 1 opened with a solemn procession of protestors complete with banners "Suffering People do NOT Need Money from Dirty O Calcutta" - I wonder where that protestor thinks the Freedom from Hunger money is going? The milk bar next door was doing very well. Enter in twos and threes the beautiful rich - gay, brittle, at \$50 a seat. Gradual build-up of counter-demonstrators, cat-calling the censors.

Fade to Scene 11 - chiaroscuro of kaleidoscopic choreography - more protestors; counter protestors now also armed with signs "Thank God for Oh! Calcutta" Clash of repartee between banner headlines as demonstrators form into two solid camps (one more camp than the other?) "Censorship Breeds Perversion", "Close the Shutter on Oh Calcutta", "Sex is Not a Divine Handout", "Stop This Rot". Touches of pure genius: This last sign being carried by a young boy - the only person present young enough to be corrupted. Enter at rear, chuckling, the stage cast - clearly the real show was outside rather than in.

Scene 11: exit procession of bravura patrons, to the accompaniment of great camera commotion. Rival camps of demonstrators left to jeer and gesture at each other until entry of police to clear footpath - a bit anti-climatic: the weakest part of the script and could well be tightened up by the introduction of a good brawl in later performances. My main criticism is that on this first night all the huge cast seemed to be enjoying themselves too much.

Scene IV returned to genius for a brief finale of a theatre employee hosing down its steps, presumably to wash it clear from all the action of the evening

Oh! Calcutta! for the Gutta.

MEET MANAGEMENT

Margaret McArthur: The emergence of a brick and concrete jungle in parts of Glebe during the six years Margaret has lived here has convinced her of the need for a town plan, so that new buildings are considered in relation to their surroundings, not simply in isolation. Preparation of a plan will give us the opportunity to say what sort of a place we want to live in, and not leave us at the mercy of so-called "developers" as at present.

Margaret says she enjoys the friendliness of Glebes varied population - and the proximity to Sydney University where she works.

Albert Mispel: came to Glebe in 1967 to teach and stayed on. "There have been so many changes made in the past five years - for example, the 1½ acres of parkland taken from us - that one wants to hold fast onto every brick of Glebe".

Spends days as Systems clerk and nights writing Bulletin's Miscellany column. Married with young daughter.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th October - Social Activities Group Meeting at 8 p.m. at the Colmans', 48 Boyce Street.

Tuesday 19th October and 2nd November - Council Meeting, Leichhardt Town Hall.

Friday 22nd October - Welcome to New Members at 8 p.m. at the Pages', 5 Jarocin Avenue. Wine and savouries will be served and the Conveners will explain the work of their groups. Vintage members are welcome too!

Wednesday 27th October, 7-30 p.m. Expressways Meeting, Leichhardt Town Hall. A must.

Tuesday 2nd November, 8.00 p.m. Public Meeting "A Plan for Annandale" St. Aidens Church Hall, Cnr. Booth and Annandale Sts., Annandale.

Saturday 6th November - coffee morning 10-30 to 12-30 at the Dolles', 57 Arcadia Road. Charge 20c.

Saturday 13th November - Ferry Trip. A great chance for an outing with all the family. Ferry calls at Clark and Shark Islands.

Wednesday 17th November - Social Activities Group Meeting at 8 p.m. at the Forknalls', 21 Ferry Road.

Saturday 4th December - coffee morning 10-30 to 12-30 at the Pages', 5 Jarocin Avenue. Charge 20c.