



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to members that the 1972 Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will be held in Glebe Town Hall at 8.0 pm on Wednesday, 9th August, 1972. At the meeting the following members of the management committee are to be elected

- president
- senior vice-president
- junior vice-president
- secretary
- treasurer
- 4 other committee members

### Clause 10 of the constitution reads:

Any two members of the Society may nominate another member for election to the management committee. Such nominations shall be signed by the two proposers and shall bear the written consent of the nominated member and shall be posted or delivered to reach the Secretary at least fourteen days before the annual general meeting except in the case of the first annual general meeting for which nominations will be accepted up till the time of election. The nomination shall include the address and occupation of the member. Notice shall be sent to each member before the annual general meeting of the names of the members correctly nominated. If insufficient nominations are received those nominations shall be declared elected and nominations for the vacant positions shall be called for at the annual general meeting.

### Clause 16 reads:

Notice of motion shall be given to the Secretary fourteen (14) days before a general meeting provided that the chairman may accept at his discretion motions from the floor.

Thus nominations and motions for this year's A.G.M. should be received by 26th July.

At the A.G.M. will be shown the film "A Future for the Past" - a

marvellous picture made by the U.K. Civic Trust, and especially pertinent to what the Glebe Society is trying to do here.

It is important that as many members as possible attend the Annual General Meeting.

## SAVE THE PARKS

A party of over twenty members of the Glebe Society went to support the Save the Parks Rally at Centennial Park on Sunday 18th June. The rally was held to protest against the plan for a Centennial-Moore Park Sports Complex, which would involve the alienation of parkland, the demolition of homes and increased traffic congestion in the area. It was a fine sunny day and many families were picnicking in the Park. Those assembled heard rousing speeches from Harry M. Miller, Vincent Serventy, Jack Munday and Patrick White. The end of the rally was marked by the release of hundreds of pigeons, after which the protesters marched to the Park gates. From there they went to the Sydney Town Hall for a further meeting. Once again ordinary people had shown the Government that they would not tolerate ill-conceived schemes foisted upon them without proper investigation and consultation.

Maureen Colman



# DEPUTATIONS

## FOR YOUR DIARY

In the last few months Glebe Society members have taken part in a number of meetings with various authorities to press our point of view.

Maritime Services Board. Sam Conlon, Peru Perumal, David Potter and Bernard Smith met Mr Brotherson, chairman of the M.S.B. to ask what were the M.S.B. plans for Glebe and to put a case for the rezoning of land on the Blackwattle Bay side of Glebe Point to allow residential development and public access to the waterfront. Mr Brotherson was non-committal, but was left with a very clear idea of our point of view.

Department of Main Roads. Bernard Smith, together with the other signatories of a recent letter about preserving Lyndhurst, met Mr Thomas, Commissioner for Main Roads, and put a case for the historical and architectural value of Lyndhurst. It became apparent that no decision about its future would be made before the then imminent retirement of the minister, Mr Morton.

Education Department. Sam Conlon, David Young and Vernon Winley met Mr Colman, Area Director, to discuss the resiting of Glebe Public School. The Department said that it would not consider any site outside the area of the Glebe Administration Board, for financial reasons. However, within that area no particular site had yet been finally fixed. Alternative sites to that proposed by the G.A.B. were pointed out - these would involve less destruction of terraces and displacement of people.

Friday, 14th July: THIRD BIRTHDAY PARTY at 8 pm at the Conlons'.

Monday, 24th July: SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP MEETING at 8 pm at the Smiths', 23 Avenue Road. All members welcome.

Saturday, 5th August: COFFEE MORNING 10.30-12.30 at the Papapetroses', 66 Toxteth Road. Everyone welcome for coffee (20¢ each) and conversation.

Wednesday, 9th August: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm at Glebe Town Hall - see separate notice, p.1.

Saturday, 2nd September: COFFEE MORNING at the Winleys', 21 Arcadia Road.

Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th Oct: our annual GARDEN COMPETITION, schedule and further details on enclosed sheet.

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Sydney Area Transport Study. Sam Conlon and David Potter, together with representatives of the Annandale Association, met Dr Neilsen, the Director, to discuss expressway construction and alternatives for our area. He agreed with many of the principles advanced, but said that our alternative involving an inner road implied another harbour crossing at Longnose Point. The deputation argued that Gladesville Bridge and/or the forthcoming Abbotsford Bridge would suffice. Dr Neilsen's first conclusions are to be released in September.

Vernon Winley

## retrospect

If the number of anecdotal accounts published in the early Sydney newspapers are anything to go by, Glebe has had more than its share of colourful characters.

Emancipist, Robert Cooper, established the first distillery in the colony in 1827 near the corner of Broadway and City Road. In 1843 "Robert the Large" as he was affectionately known, was a candidate for one of Sydney's two seats in the Legislative Council. Cooper set out to win the support of the working classes. "They wanted something more than high flown nonsense, they wanted something to be done to give them meat and drink and work." During the election campaign a contemporary described Cooper as riding down the street on a white horse as fat as himself, with a loaf of bread stuck on a pole and the words "The Poor Man's Friend" on a banner.

The conservative press's vicious attack on Robert Cooper was very effective and he finished at the bottom of the poll and renounced all further political ambition.

Opposite Cooper's distillery, on Bishopgate Estate Glebe, "Pig Mary" had her piggery on the edge of Blackwattle Swamp. The edge of the Swamp at that time was only one hundred yards from where Grace Bros. now stands, but between 1876 and 1885 following numerous deaths in the neighbourhood from typhoid fever, the government reclaimed over forty acres of the Swamp by filling it in with silt dredged from the harbour bed. The reclaimed land was dedicated for recreation purposes in 1885 and called Wentworth Park.

"Pig Mary", a big fat woman, was often seen wading up the Swamp with her "kitty" on her arm, picking up with a large iron fork morsels of fat from the slaughter houses and boiling down works that clustered around the Swamp, and apparently her pigs thrived on this offal.

Nearby, Billy Faucit kept his rat pits in Francis Street. Faucit, readily distinguishable by the red handkerchief he wore around his neck, would stand near the corner of Bay Street and Broadway. Gambling through the medium of cock-fighting and rat-catching was a favourite form of entertainment in the 1870's. With a bag of rats in one hand and several terriers trailing along behind him, Faucit would take patrons to his rat pits and there introduce them to his other clients.

This form of gambling disappeared prior to the turn of the century when legislation was passed making this activity an offence.

Max Solling



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Ordinary membership	\$2
Family membership	\$3
Student or Pensioner membership	50¢

MEMBERS PLEASE WATCH THIS BOX -  
A RED CIRCLE MEANS YOUR SUB. IS  
DUE.

## MISCELLANY

In the last Bulletin we published a list of phone numbers to ring about pollution - quoted from a pamphlet issued by the N.S.W. Department of Environment. The recent pollutionful visit of the Concorde revealed that the number for complaints about aircraft noise was wrong. Our thanks to our friends at Hunters Hill for the right number: 669 4981

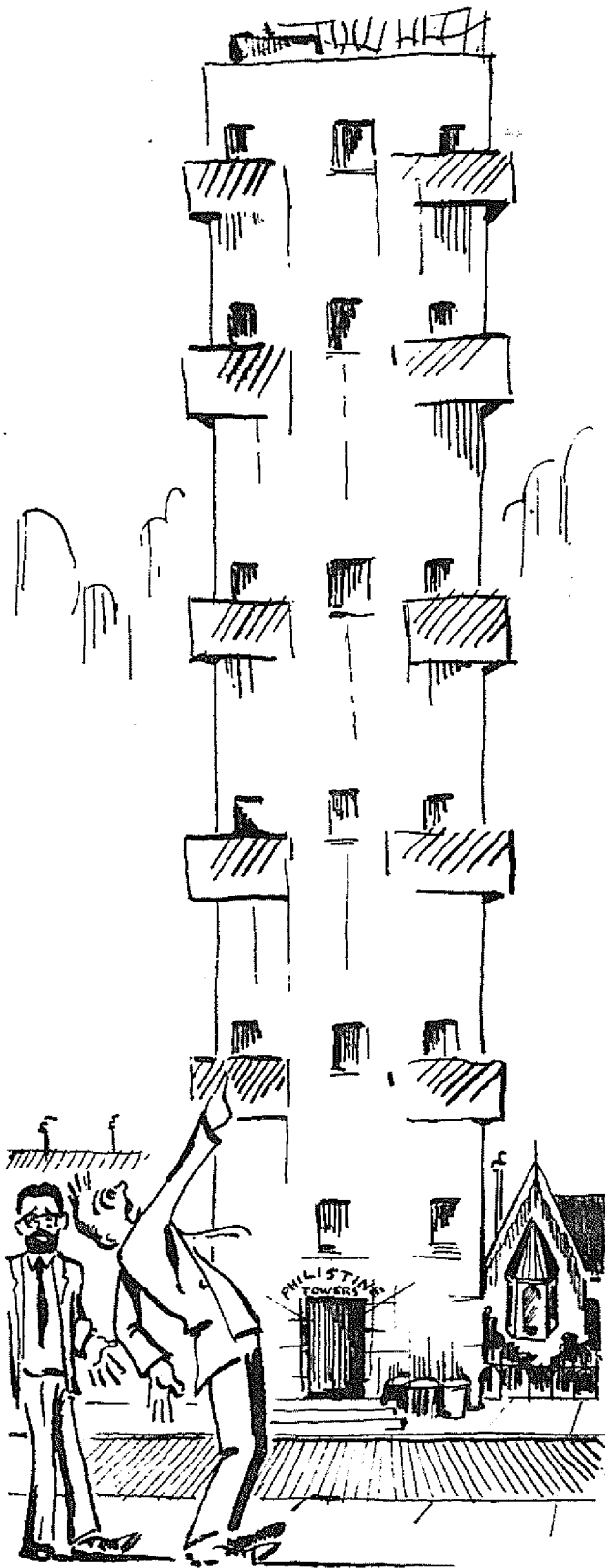
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"There is an over-tendency for planning authorities to consider that every road must pass through the heart of the city"; "some of the grandiose expressways planned for the metropolitan area will never be built", and "underground railways should be given first priority as a means of relieving congestion" - excerpts from a report by Leichhardt Council's Anti Urban Radial Expressway Committee? No, parts of a report of an interview with the president of the Real Estate Institute of N.S.W. published in the Sunday Telegraph of 26/7/1964.

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Long-time prominent member of the Glebe Society and convener of its Planning Forum (as well as activist in many other local causes) David Potter has departed for Papua New Guinea. He takes up an engineering position with the Public Works Department there, as well as that of Port Moresby correspondent of the Glebe Society Bulletin. Best wishes.

The new convener of the Planning Forum is Peru Perumal (660 6060)



"While we were demonstrating against the expressway, protesting about aircraft noise, and fighting the proposed cement works, it just slipped through."