

## THE YEAR AHEAD

During the next twelve months several important matters will continue to require the constant attention of the Society. We must give active support to the proposed Statutory Planning Scheme for Leichhardt, and develop an active liaison with the National Trust on conservation in Glebe.

The Society is implacably opposed to inner-city radial expressways. They would destroy Glebe. We must develop the widest possible public opposition to both the Western and the North-Western Expressways, and co-operate closely with the increasing number of anti-expressway groups.

We shall continue to press for the rezoning of portions of Glebe foreshores for park and recreational purposes, and insist that residential development at Glebe Point East is planned sympathetically in scale and character with the neighbourhood, and does not involve destruction of buildings of architectural and historic value.

This year the Society will place a special emphasis upon community activity; and for this a Community Relations Committee will be established. The Society is particularly interested in the important work being carried out at the "Elsie" Women's Refuge in Westmoreland Street and will seek actively to assist and co-operate with such organisations.

We plan to develop closer contacts with Glebe schools. Many members of the Glebe Society, because of special interests and knowledge, could assist local teachers and their pupils, by means for example of occasional informal lessons or outings, to gain a better understanding of their own neighbourhood.

The Woolley Centre is developing in-

valuable creative activities for young people in Glebe, and we wish to further, and perhaps decentralise, its activities among a much wider section of the local community.

Now that the former Church Lands have come into the possession of the Commonwealth Government, it will be of first importance for the Society to ensure that an active expression of local opinion on all matters of concern to those who live in the area is encouraged, developed and represented on decision-making committees. The Society can play an important role here; especially those members who live in the Commonwealth Lands. The Glebe Society has expressed from time to time its preference for a community which is socially diverse as to income, occupation, age, and ethnic structure. The policies adopted for the development of the Commonwealth Land will obviously have an important bearing on these areas of policy. It will also be important to ensure that the restoration of buildings in the Commonwealth Lands is based on sound principles of historical conservation. This unfortunately is an area in which in Australia there is much talk but still little expert professional knowledge. So the situation will have to be watched carefully.

In order to assist and to provide information on specific conservation matters the Society proposes to establish an Advisory Committee on Conservation to work, wherever it can, in close co-operation with the Leichhardt Council.

The Management Committee would like to hear from members whose special interests and knowledge would help it to further the Society's aims and activities.

Bernard Smith

# NEW FACES OF 1974

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what help was available in the inner city area to distressed women. She found there was no place a woman (with or without children) could go for help and shelter that was free of charge; in contrast, there were in the city 600 beds, plus free food and baths, for men. In the community's eyes, men are apparently considered to be economically productive, whilst women are not.

Alcoholism in husbands seems the main background problem for the majority of wives (and children) who use the Refuge. Some women have their own psychiatric problems, and some single parents seek the Refuge's support.

Women are known by their christian names at the Refuge. There is no staff social worker - the centre is using mutual help and support as the main method of assistance. It gives encouragement to women who have regained their strength to come in on roster. They in turn, encourage resident women and help with daily chores, including child-minding. Residents join in when they feel they can. Conversation and housekeeping is the way in which strength is shared and problems aired. Members of women's groups also work there.

Women and their children come to "Elsie" when they need to, and leave when they feel they have the strength to cope with the stresses and strains facing them outside.

There is no charge for the care. "Elsie's" income is donations of money, clothing and food. Women's Electoral Lobby, Women's Liberation and others give their financial backing. Local residents have been very generous with food and offers to repair and maintain, and the local baker supplies bread. The property is now owned by the federal government, to whom "Elsie" has also applied for funds.

The Wayside Chapel refers women to the Refuge, and has offered help and the use of a van.

When asked what can residents of Glebe do to help, Bessie Guthrie replied, "We need constant moral support, babies' clothing, blankets and bedding, useful women's clothing (not party dresses!), and financial support".

Alison McKeown.

Postscript: Glebe Society Management Committee has approved a \$50.00 donation to the Women's Refuge Centre.

## "Elsie"

The Women's Refuge is located at 73-75 Westmoreland Street. One of the cottages is called "Elsie" and it is from this cottage that the Refuge takes its name.

The Refuge was set up by Women's Electoral Lobby, Women's Liberation and other concerned groups. A local resident, Bessie Guthrie, is active in these groups, and has played a large part in "Elsie's" growth.

Bessie spoke about the Refuge to the crochet group recently, and accepted their first completed woollen blanket. (See last Bulletin.)

Bessie said she had set out to discover



## Katandra

For a most enjoyable outing members may be interested in visiting the wild life sanctuary of the Katandra Bushland Club, near Mona Vale, on Sunday, 15th September. This is an annual occasion and visitors will be most welcome.

The sanctuary is over 20 acres in area, consisting of unspoilt bushland, which at the present time abounds in wild flowers. It is refreshing to know that such a reserve exists so near the metropolis. "Katandra" is aboriginal for "song of birds" and some excellent song birds may be heard. Bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy real billy tea.

To get to the sanctuary take the Mona Vale Road through Terrey Hills and past the Bahai Temple and Ingleside. Then look out on the left for Lane Cove Road and the sanctuary is about half a mile along this road. From Glebe the journey should take a little less than an hour and a good time to arrive would be about noon.

For any further particulars contact Jean or Theo Ahlston, 660.1083.



EXPRESS TO GLEBE - THENCE ALL STATIONS TO GLADESVILLE VIA LEICHHARDT...

Jim Coombs and John Gerofi have written a paper on the potential for the development of a commuter railway line from Leichhardt to the city - using existing track.

The paper estimates that this short distance of commuter transport would cost less than 3.2 km (2 miles) of the proposed expressway.

The potential for such a railway to extend from Leichhardt to Gladesville, and beyond, is also described.

The paper is being printed now and copies will shortly be available from Jim Coombs (660.0026).



## PETITION!

CHINESE IMMIGRATION  
(The Glebe And Balmain)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly  
to be Printed, 1 October, 1861

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly  
of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned  
Inhabitants of the Electorate of the  
Glebe and Balmain, -

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH. -

1st. That your Petitioners are firmly convinced that the Immigration of the Chinese to this Colony is impolitic; that, as Colonists, they are unnecessary and injurious; and that, inasmuch as their social habits are so repulsive to ours, that they are a continual source of irritation, which tends to alienate the affections of the people from our institutions, to jeopardize the public peace, and injure the character of this Colony as a field of emigration for British enterprise and industry.

2. Your Petitioners are also of opinion that the most effectual way of terminating the unhappy disturbances which are continually taking place between the Europeans and Chinese, is by preventing the Chinese from digging for Gold, and by imposing a Tax upon their landing in this Colony.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take this Petition into consideration.

And your Petitioners will ever pray,  
&c.

(Here follow 851 Signatures)

### Welcome to New Members:

Leigh Taylor  
Dick and Jenny Hill  
Patricia and Adrian Evans  
Robyn and Tony Marx  
Mr. R. Mueller  
Vivien Clark  
John Deane  
Bill Newtown  
Bill and Elizabeth Wright  
Geoff Graham

## Anything to declare?

The Editor of the Glebe Society Bulletin is Ted McKeown. Would all copy be directed to him at 10 Albert Street; phone 660-3917.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 12th September, 7.30 p.m.: The History group will meet to continue the examination of Glebe during the depression years. New members to the Glebe Society would be very welcome. Kate and Bernard Smith's, 23 Avenue Road.

Monday, 23rd September, 10.30 a.m.: Crochet group meets at Kate Smith's (see address above). Julia McConnachie, and we hope Marion Jones, will be discussing the present state of social welfare in Leichhardt and the National Assistance plan. Do come, and let Kate know beforehand - ring 660.1824.

Wednesday, 25th September, 7.30 p.m.: at Marion Jones', 27 Mansfield Street... PLAYREADING... "What if I die tomorrow" (Williamson). Please bring your own copy of the play if you can.

Saturday, 5th October: Coffee morning at Mr. and Mrs. Wargenau's flat, No. 1, 75 St. Johns Road. Coffee and conversation is available from 10.30 - 12.30 (coffee and biscuits just 20¢).

### WEEKLY

Mondays, 10.30 a.m. Crochet group meets. Ring Kate Smith for details (660.1824)

Sundays, 9.00 a.m. Tennis at Pidcock Street, Camperdown Courts. Ring Max Solling (Wk: 2.0545 ext. 306 or home: 660.1160) if you would like to play.

## MISCELLANY

### THE OPPOSITION AND THE INNER CITY

If you have ever wondered whether the Federal opposition had an urban policy, this could be your big chance to find out.

N.S.W. Senator Peter Baume will address the Glebe branch of the Liberal Party. The topic is, broadly, "How a Federal Liberal Government would deal with inner city problems".

8.00 p.m., 25th October, Glebe Town Hall.

Joye Wallace

Leichhardt Council has begun negotiations with the Salesian Society - owners of the land bounded by Woolley Street, Woolley Lane, St. James Avenue and John Street - for its purchase as "open space" with amenities. Members may know the site as the former Woolley Street adventure playground.

### CONTEMPLATING RENOVATIONS ?

Contact the Society's Committee for comment and advice:-

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(renew membership of the Glebe Society.

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I enclose cheque/postal note/cash for ..... for my annual subscription as an ordinary/household/student/pensioner member.