

The Glebe
Society **BULLETIN**

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MERRY XMAS

TO

ALL OUR MEMBERS FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

The Xmas Party is on Saturday 11th December. Join in the jollity for only Two Dollars - See Back Page for the Details.

THANKS

The Committee of Management offers compliments of the Season to all our Members and thank everyone who has played a part in this year's work.

This has been a good year for the Society - a social success and events have so far favoured us -- still no expressway and maybe our own High School. The Great Train Ride perhaps typified the Society's capacity to combine concern over civic and planning issues with sociability - not to mention attracting favourable and extensive media attention.

As our numbers continue to grow, so will our activities.

So we wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

OF THE SAME !

THE MAFIA HAVE THEIR GODFATHERS

THE GLEBE SOCIETY HAS

THIS MONTH

THE MANAGEMENT

the SECRETARY

What lurks beneath the mop of grey hair and the brush of whiskers ?

Jim Coombs settled in Glebe in early 1973 with his wife Margaret and daughters Melanie and Sophie after four and a half years in London as Assistant Atomic Energy Representative in the Australian High Commission. His far-sightedness (despite the spectacles) can be seen in his shift from the Kings Road, Chelsea to Glebe Point Road.

He was around the "shop up the hill" for eight years before being sent off B.A., B.Ec. Once editor of *Honi Soit* (with Bob Ellis) and Vice President of the Union.

He now works as a hospital and health services planning consultant and maintains a life of bewildering complexity. He is presently also Secretary of the Medical Consumers Association, and the Sydney University Squash Club, Vice President of the Forest Lodge Primary Parents and Citizens' Association, Treasurer of the N.S.W. Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Epidemiology and Research in Community Health, and a member of the ALP Phillip State Electorate Council and the Executive Council of the N.S.W. Federation of P. & C. Associations.

He was first elected to the Management Committee in August 1973, following the redoubtable Alan Robertson as Secretary.

His two years as Secretary (he's now into his third) have seen a persistent flow of letters to Ministers and Editors. He has co-authored Society papers on Child Welfare (with Julia McConnochie), and Railways (with John Gerofi) and delivered a paper on the case against expressways to the Australian Institute of Traffic Technology.

For the last two years he has captained the Glebe Society XI to victory, though this year we'll need a replacement for the mighty Don Plowman.

But what do others say ?

BUNYIP of The GLEBE Weekly reported the Great Train Ride as follows :

"Still on the ratbag front, we see Glebie Jimmie Coombs' boys and girls haunting the local goods rail tracks. Turns out the Public Transport Commission knocked back the Glebe Society's request for a train hire a long way back so little Jim talked a railway historical society into a jaunt along the Pymont-Lilyfield goods line, and taking his crew along with them.

WHO took who for a ride ? The PTC was surprised to find the historical outing turn into a Coombs' political PR stunt over the goods rail-passenger conversion issue it had rejected as too expensive way, way back Cunning little devil, that Jim. You never know what he's really up to, do you ?"

Jim enjoys his work with the Society. His ambitions ? To play A Grade Squash before he's forty, to be a Minister of the Crown, and to stay in Glebe.

NEXT YEAR

Bicycles

In line with the Glebe Society's environmental protection ideology, its abhorrence of the energy wastage of the motor car, and the fact that the Secretary (described elsewhere) has acquired a cycle, the time is ripe for the establishment of a

GLEBE SOCIETY BICYCLE GROUP

Activities could include -

- * REGULAR EXCURSIONS to local BEAUTY SPOTS for PICNICS and FROLICS
- * Joint ACTION with the Bicycle Institute of N.S.W.
- * DISCUSSIONS - "The Transcendental Aesthetic and Bicycle Maintenance" ???
- * Development of local "IDEAL ROUTE" maps made up from Sydney contour maps

ALL CYCLISTS should report in either to Box 100 or to Jim Coombs or Ralph Kaye (660 0026 or 660 2165)

OPEN AIR MEETINGS TO BE ANNOUNCED

SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED

Although 1976 was a good year for the Society, it is worth noting the following facts true at the time of writing :

- * The rezoning of the Hudson's site on Blackwattle Bay for the High School has still to be made by the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Paul Landa (anyone with children should write to him now).
- * The Government has still not pronounced on the fate of the North Western expressway and the illegal demolition in Fig St Ultimo has not resulted in any prosecution by the D.M.R.
- * The 1976 Leichhardt Town Plan may yet be adopted by the Planning and Environment Commission and that Plan will allow the sprouting of at least 3-storey units just about everywhere, containers on the waterfront and the expressways (write now to Minister Landa).
- * The Glebe Project has had a reprieve for modest renovations.
- * Parkes Developments are under way at Glebe Point. The bricks from "Venetia's" "mistakenly" demolished interior walls have been removed. Is this a prelude to the promised restoration. Watch that space.
- * Transport reform is slow. Leo Port has done little to provide a cycleway from Glebe to the City and the Public Transport Commission remains disinterested in a Glebe Ferry. All who are can join with the Secretary (and temporary editor) and other beleaguered city workers.

diary

STOPSTOPSTOP PRESS

The "Herald" of 27 Nov. announced that Mr Wran had written to the Save Lyndhurst Committee saying that the old mansion would be restored. It stands in the path of the North-Western Expressway.

- * Saturday 4th December - Coffee morning at the Knoxes
26 Victoria Rd (from 11 a.m.)
- * Saturday 5th February 1977 - Coffeee Morning at
Mary Wargenau's 23/75 St John's Rd

christmas party

While not INSISTING on crinolines or dundrearies, it is proposed that the evening should have a victorian atmosphere. We shall therefore, have a Master of CEREMONIES to direct us in a selection of PARTY GAMES and ENTERTAINMENTS. Any lady or gentleman who would be prepared to bring their harp, recorder, favourite recitation (short !) etc. and perform briefly is invited to advise the management of their availability when accepting the invitation. A light supper will be served.

We look forward to seeing you
On SATURDAY 11 th DECEMBER 8 p.m.
at DAGMAR & PERU PERUMAL'S 12 LODGE STREET

TICKETS ARE \$2 per head.

Please send the booking slip hereunder to either Merle Larcombe (14 Toxteth St) or Alison McKeown (10 Albert St) no later than Sunday 5th December (we need to work out the catering).

Enquiries from Merle 660 0491 or Alison 660 3917

GLEBE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

I WISH TO ATTEND
I ENCLOSE \$ FOR TICKETS

NAME

ADDRESS PHONE

I PROPOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTERTAINMENTS BY

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