

The Glebe
Society

BULLETIN

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THE MISSING PHOTO OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S CHAMPION CRICKET TEAM

L to R

M. Solling, P. Manning, N. Rowe, M. Kennedy,
J. Coombs (c), P. Moye, P. Worsley, H. C.
Coombs

Absent: L. Carr, J. H. Coombs, C. Nicholson
(at pub)

MEET THE MANAGEMENT

Ian Joseph Evans: Born 15.10.40, Niola Private Hospital, Parkes, shortly after his Mother's arrival from an all-night card game. Father was proprietor of small local furniture store but appeared to do rather better from his role as Secretary of various racing organisations; e.g. Trotting Club, Jockey Club, Greyhound Racing Club, etc.

Despite the abovementioned pre-natal influences, your senior V.P. did not develop any special interest in sport, gambling, or associated activities. By one of life's little ironies he is now Publicity Officer with the N.S.W. Department of Sport and Recreation.

After an undistinguished education at sundry local schools came to Sydney in 1959 to take up a job with the Daily Mirror, obtained as a result of a certain amount of family string-pulling with a Parkes-based MLC. Began career in journalism as a copy-boy but graduated to first-year cadet after two weeks. An early lesson in journalism, a la Daily Mirror, was not to write anything that could not be understood by someone with a mental age of more than seven. Still doesn't use many big words. Joined Channel 7 News in 1961. Grew beard in 1964 during yacht trip to Mackay. It's difficult to shave when the mirror is moving in a parabolic arc.

Attended Expo '70 while making a documentary for the Japanese Foreign Ministry. Has been to New Zealand twice, travelling under sail on each occasion. Once on board Chilean sailing ship Esmeralda; and again on board 38' ketch, Widgeon. Picked up wife in low dive in Auckland. (Actually, a friend picked her up. I was too tired.)

Worked as PR consultant for five years from 1972, helping Unilever sell soap and margarine. Luna Park was a contrasting account and one which helped preserve a semblance of sanity. Most successful PR exercise; demolition of Askin memorial, Wentworth Park, with a single press release. A most unusual case of public relations actually achieving something positive. Or negative, depending on your political point of view.

Other involvements: Save Lyndhurst Committee, and a work in progress on the early architect John Verge who eventually got around to doing the right thing and marrying my great-great-grandmother.

Politics: Left of centre.

Ambition: Never again to write a personal profile. Joey Rowden is a sadist.

P.S.: Ring 660.3386 if you want to buy my house.

THE GLEBE ESTATE

The Royal Australian Planning Institute's Journal of February 1977 has a 23 page article on the Glebe Project. The article covers the development of Glebe in relation to the estate, the purchase and philosophy behind the approach to the rehabilitation of the land and properties previously owned by the Church. Information regarding the inhabitants of the estate, the nature of the rehabilitation work carried out, and the cost/benefit analysis of the various options investigated is given in the article. The contribution of Kate and Bernard Smith in documenting the architectural and social history of the Glebe is acknowledged.

Copies of the Journal are obtainable from Jeanette Knox, 660.7781, \$3.00 each.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The figures below are to be found amongst a mass of data and general information relating to public transport in Australia contained in GETTING ON THE RIGHT TRACK (The Public Transport Crisis in Australia). This publication, price \$1.20 is available from the Save Public Transport Committee, P.O. Box K606, Haymarket, N.S.W.

THE URBAN POPULATION

37 percent of the population is too young to drive
8 percent drive but don't have a license
60 percent of all people have no direct access to a car
23 percent of Melbourne households do not own a car
60 percent of low income households do not own a car
50 percent of high income homes own more than one car

Travel Characteristics - Urban Melbourne

These figures highlight the inequitable distribution of access to a private motor vehicle, a statistic never mentioned by the motor vehicle lobby and, strangely, very seldom by the supporters of public transport. The publication has a good deal of information regarding the real costs of operating various modes of transport, comparable capacities of various systems and comparable energy consumption both in manufacture and running costs.

Recommended reading for members of the Glebe Society and executives of the D.M.R. and N.R.M.A.

LETTERS

The date of this missive to householders is unknown but the requests are still relevant.

THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LEICHHARDT
Town Hall, 107 Norton Street, Leichhardt.
N.S.W. Phone 560.4100

TO THE HOUSEHOLDER

Dear Sir/Madam,

Care of Street Trees

As part of an overall tree planting programme in the Municipality of Leichhardt, many young trees, only moderately advanced, are being planted.

For these trees to develop it is important that they be given maximum care in the early stages. With this in mind, your co-operation and assistance is sought.

The important areas where your help would be appreciated are as follows:-

1. Watering. It is important that good soaking waterings be given regularly. If insufficient water is applied it will not penetrate to the deeper layers of soil. As a result the tree will be shallow-rooted and may not survive.
2. Weeding. Within the tree plot.
3. Cultivating. Loosening of the surface within the tree plot.
4. Reporting Problems. Please phone 560.4100 should you notice any of the following:-
 - (a) Caterpillars.
 - (b) Cup Moths.
 - (c) Termites.
 - (d) Unnatural yellowing of leaves.
 - (e) Any other damage to the tree.

In implementing this policy of community co-operation your Council confidently anticipates that it will receive general support. This will enable Council to make the maximum use of its resources and will contribute to the more rapid and effective establishment of trees within the Municipality.

Yours faithfully,
J. Ragen

A POSITIVE RESPONSE

THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LEICHHARDT
Administrative Centre, 7-15 Wetherill
Street, Leichhardt Phone 560.4100

2nd March, 1977

Mrs. A. McKeown,
10 Albert Street,
Forest Lodge, N.S.W. 2037

Dear Madam,

Reference is made to your letter dated 9th December, 1976 advising that the Glebe Society would be interested in assisting the Council to establish a rockery garden similar to the Lewis Hoad Reserve in the area of wasteland adjoining the western footpath of Minogue Crescent between Wigram Road and Hereford Streets, Glebe.

Your letter was considered by Council at its Meeting held on 15th February, 1977 when it was decided that the area of un-made road at the western corner of Minogue Crescent and Hereford Street, Glebe be beautified and the work carried out as a maintenance undertaking.

Yours faithfully,
J. Ragen
Town Clerk

B.L.F.

The Management Committee has received a letter from Joe Owens requesting financial assistance to research and complete the typing, editing and subsequent publishing of a Book dealing with the takeover of the N.S.W. B.L.F. by the Federal B.L.F.

The letter informs us that in the two years since the takeover he has gathered together a large volume of documents, notes and records covering activities of the B.L.F. over the last few years. This info now being used to emphasise the motivations for the takeover and the tactics used. Details will include the emergence of the "Green Bans" as well as industrial activities of the union, and the confrontations which occurred at the Rocks, Woolloomooloo, Waterloo, Victoria Street and the Expressways.

"The book is intended to give a clear and accurate account of this important era in Australian political and industrial history."

All donations should be sent to "B. Book Fund", c/- Joe Owens, 334 Bulwarr Road, Ultimo. 2007

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 28th March. Welcome to New Members at Glebe Rowing Club. Commences 7.30 p.m. Supper at 8.00 p.m. Followed by a talk on the history of the Club by Max Solling. For further details ring Dorothy Perkins 660.7623.

Saturday, 2nd April. Coffee morning to be held at the home of Anna Forknall, 21 Ferry Road. Tea, coffee and biscuits to be served from 10.30 - 12.30.

Tuesday, 5th April, 8.00 p.m. The next meeting of the play reading group will be held at Dale Dengate's, 25B Avenue Road. An Australian play will be read.

Friday, 22nd April. Asian Evening at Glebe Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. See elsewhere in the Bulletin for further details.

Saturday, 7th May. May's coffee morning will be held at Ted and Alison McKeown's. Details as above. All welcome.

MISCELLANY

The future of one of the Witches Houses in Annandale is in the balance, it could become a block of units. This is a very well known part of the landscape and should be preserved. Letters urging the Council to retain the houses in their present form could save the situation.

Whilst on the subject of letter writing, members could question Mr. Wran on his promises in regard to Lyndhurst. Whilst the months drag by, the house is deteriorating and the internal fittings of the home mysteriously find their way on to bonfires, etc.

We now have a complete set of Bulletins dating back to July 1969, which will be bound in the near future, and will form a record of the Society since its inception. The Editor would like to thank all those who contributed back issues. Many duplicate copies of previous issues are available to members to complete their own sets. Please ring Joey Rowden on 660.5704 to arrange collection.

If you know of anything that may be of interest to readers of the Bulletin, please contact the editor, Joey Rowden at 4 Leichhardt Avenue; phone 660.5704.

NEW MEMBERS

Les CARR
Marion and Graham SULLY
Deirdre KEOGH
Caroline and Michael van LANGENBERG
Norman SMITH
Terry ROLFE
Barbara and Michael EDGAR
Mercia BUSH
Judy PRITCHARD
Colleen OLANDER
Paul and Margaret WELLS
Helen GIBSON
Miss L. MILTON
Elizabeth TON
Mrs. L. SCOTT
Mr. and Mrs. T. COWAN
Marcia RIGNER
Mr. and Mrs. K. SALAT
Jan NOVAK
Mr. and Mrs. J. COWLING
Mr. and Mrs. J. PETERSON
Mr. and Mrs. A. WOODWARD
Mildred MANIS
Jenny HARRIS and Household
Peter TRAVIS
Julia VIERIK
Elizabeth BREWSTER-JONES
Richard MORRISON
Vincent ROSS
Rachel WALKER
Stephen COX
Therese MACKIE
Mr. and Mrs. B. REDWOOD
Murray GOOT
Nina and Peter SAUNDERS
Miriam and Neville BURKETT
R. PARKER
A. HARFIELD

Asian Evening

All members and friends are welcome to come to this special activity to be held at Glebe Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 22nd April. The evening's programme will consist of a short Indian film; a mannequin parade of garments from 'Handicrafts of Asia'; Indonesian music and dancing and a Vietnamese supper. Tickets at \$3 each and \$1.50 for pensioners are available until 18th April from Merle Larcombe (660.0491) or Dorothy Perkins (660.7623).

FOR SALE

One of our members, Mrs. Wargenau is returning to Scotland to live and is offering the contents of her flat for sale. Anyone wishing to see the items on offer should ring 660.1229, or call at 23/75 St. John's Road.