



The Glebe
Society

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blackwattle bay

BLACKWATTLE BAY - GET INTO IT :

Why can't we use the foreshores of Glebe ?-
- we can try ! A number of hardy spirits have started to use Blackwattle Bay for sailing and boating. The use of the foreshores is one of the most important issues facing Glebe now. With community support a claim might be staked for use of the foreshore. See below :

It may have escaped the attention of many Glebe residents that a large and attractive piece of land lies vacant on the Blackwattle Bay foreshore between Cook St and Venetia, since the demise of Parkes Development. Unfortunately Venetia is being plundered and cars are being dumped on the land.

In order to attract the attention of the residents of Glebe to the potential of this area, a group of people have proposed an informal picnic with art events, dancers, barbecue, treeplantings, boating etc, to be called the 'Rites of Spring' and scheduled for Saturday 26 August. What can you contribute ? Anyone interested in tidying up the area, contributing ideas and joining in a working bee, should ring 660-5093 for further information.

On another tack, the foreshore strip between Cook St and Leichhardt St provides excellent access from the point of view of dinghy sailing on Blackwattle Bay. One or two of us have been taking to boats - I've actually ventured as far as Balmain in an inflatable dinghy ! However, the more the merrier - get your boats into the water - it's great for dinghy sailing on your doorstep . Ring me and we could arrange a mini-regatta and barbecue if there's enough support.

Eric Gidney (660-5093)

AGM

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 August. Please come along.

NOMINATIONS :

The following nominations have been received :

President : Eric Sandblom, Senior Tech. Officer (proposed by P.V.Perumal & Alan Robertson)

Senior Vice-President : Anthony W.D. Larkum, Lecturer (Eric Gidney & David Reeve)

Junior Vice-President : Peter J. Stanbury, Museum Curator (Anthony Larkum & David Reeve)

Secretary : Betty Wright, Executive Secretary, (Dagmar Perumal & Noeline Sandblom)

Treasurer : John R. Hoddinott, Systems Analyst, (Philip Went & Bruce Viles)

Committee members :

Marion E. Jones, Social Worker, (Margaret Coombs & John Hoddinott)

Marilyn Bayscho, Real Estate Manager (David Reeve & John Cowling)

Jeanette Knox, Librarian (John Cowling & David Reeve).

According to clause 10 of the Constitution, only positions for which no nominations have been received in advance will be open for nominations from the floor at the AGM. The above nominations will therefore be declared elected at the AGM, and nominations for the fourth committee member position will be sought at the meeting. The new Management Committee will also appoint sub-committees and convenors of sub-committees. The immediate past President and all convenors are members ex-officio of the Management Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :

At its meeting of 2 July 1978, the Management Committee reiterated its decision of 5 March 1978 (see Bulletin no 3/1978) to nominate Jim Coombs for life membership at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report

THE GLEBE SOCIETY

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th June 1978

INCOME :


Subscriptions - Household	\$327.00
Individual	142.00
Pensioner	9.50
Student	2.50
Postage	<u>16.20</u>
	\$ 497.20
Bank interest	103.39
Misc. income (donations, etc)	132.95
Proceeds from House Inspection	822.00
Proceeds from Ferry Trip	151.00
Proceeds from Christmas Party	170.00
Proceeds from Recitals	166.00
Proceeds from Asian Night	362.00
Proceeds from greeting card sales	53.10
Proceeds from Book Sales	83.95
Proceeds from Wine Bottling	<u>74.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,615.59
<u>Less : Expenditure</u>	<u>2,556.69</u>
Surplus for year transferred to accumulated funds	\$ 58.90

EXPENDITURE :


Donations, subscriptions, etc.-	
Standing subscriptions	\$46.70
House inspection donations	30.00
Sze Yup Society (Joss House)	25.00
'Tranby' Cooperative College	25.00
Forest Lodge School (photograph)	17.27
Gift to Bernard and Kate Smith	50.00
Misc. donations	<u>81.50</u>
	\$ 275.47
General Society expenses	65.27
Greetings card plate & printing	82.80
Glebe Society Stationery	144.67
Bulletin (printing & typing)	320.73
Postage	101.12
House Inspection expenses (printing, etc)	156.27
Recitals expenses (fees, dodgers etc)	258.51
Asian Night expenses (food, etc)	457.67
Christmas Party expenses (music, food, hire)	354.18
Ferry Hire	<u>340.00</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$2,556.69</u>

Accumulated funds at 1st July 1977	\$1,369.64
<u>Plus : surplus for year</u>	<u>58.90</u>
	<u>\$1,428.54</u>

Represented by : Savings Investment Account	\$ 1,259.47
Savings Bank Cheque Account	<u>169.07</u>
	<u>\$ 1,428.54</u>


John Hoddinott
(Hon. Treasurer)

In my opinion, the above Statement of Income and Expenditure is in accordance with the books of account and reflects the transactions of the Glebe Society during the year ended 30th June 1978 in a true and fair manner.


Alan Robertson
(Hon. Auditor)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has seen the departure from Glebe of several people who have been strong supports to the Committee. Jim Coombs (president) and John Bushell (planning) have already gone and we have missed them. We are about to lose Sue Robey who has coordinated a highly efficient organisation of getting the Bulletin out to the distributors. We will continue to miss them, but we are fortunate that Boris Sherban and Noeline Sandblom have offered to handle planning and distribution.

Fortunately, there have been no major upheavals during my six months as president, and the 1977-78 year has been one of further consolidation of gains already made. But, as I suggest below, I anticipate that next year will see the emergence of critical issues.

Issues and activities important this year include :

* The Department of Education has indeed begun work on the new high school and the 'industrial slum' of the former Hudson site has been cleared. There is now a good view of the waterfront and the boats. I hope that this will inspire us to fight on for the rest of our foreshores.

* We are still waiting for the Leichhardt Town Plan to be exhibited. The delay has caused us all to be concerned. The Committee has given thought to mounting a thorough examination of the plan, using the expertise of members of the Society.

* We are also still awaiting some positive action by the State Government about the preservation of Lyndhurst.

* We have strenuously opposed the extension of the container depot at the bottom of Forth St. We lost.

* The environment group has been very active this year under the direction of Eric Gidney. Issues ranging from the preservation of poplar trees on Glebe Point Road to the abatement of industrial noise have been vigorously tackled and real progress has been made.

* The social activities of the Society are very important in keeping in contact with members. We have lost money on a number of activities, but this has been through an attempt to provide as many opportunities as possible for such contact. And despite the lack of an official convenor of social activities, the Society managed a large range of social functions. I would like to thank the large number of members who provided the time, effort, homes and venues for these activities.

Regular activities such as the meetings of the Monday Group, the play-readings and the coffee mornings continued due to the efforts of Pat Moore, Jo Bastian and Sue Johnson. The Monday group kept up its work in support of Elsie, the women's refuge. Theo and Jean Ahlston continued to look after the gardening side of the Society's interests, and held an excellent garden slides evening, to be complemented by a visit to Katandra later this month. Max Solling kept historical activities going with a visit to Rookwood cemetery last year and a history walk in March. He is currently trying to form a group to work on the oral history of Glebe, particularly Glebe between the world wars.

Heather Stewart has enabled the Society to invite performing artists (Gerald Hendrie, George Dreyfus) to Glebe. I am sure that all members welcome the plans to continue such cultural activity in our community.

A new regular activity started this year has been the monthly Monday night meetings at the Rowing Club, for members to meet the Committee in the pleasant surrounds of the Club. The next of these meetings will be held late in August.

Besides these ongoing activities, the Society has also held fairly major functions requiring considerable preparation and time : the House Inspection, ferry trip, Xmas party, wine bottling, Pakistani-Australia night and Birthday party. A number of members gave up time and efforts for these activities : Diana Schlicht, Dale Dengate, Alan Robertson, Tony Larkum, Noeline Sandblom, Merle Larcombe, David Grant, Margaret Shears and Michael Creswell. John Hoddinott, Jeanette Knox and David Reeve also gave time to these activities quite apart from their committee responsibilities.

Back to the fighting front, I anticipate that despite the relatively quiet year there are critical issues to be faced :

+ The Leichhardt Town Plan will soon be exhibited and it must be scrutinised. I hope that the foreshores will be perceived as a major issue, and I would envisage a separate ministerial submission. We must be prepared to fight for the use of the foreshore with the same zeal that prevented our community from being divided by freeways.

+ With plans for the new high school firming, I hope we will be able to liaise with local Parents and Citizens and other community groups to secure access for community purposes.

+ The State Government may need to be reminded that we are still concerned about the future of Lyndhurst.

+ Positive action for the development of the promised park at the East Point should be sought.

+ The new committee should pay attention to suggestions made this year that the Society should try to expand its membership in the communities of Glebe.

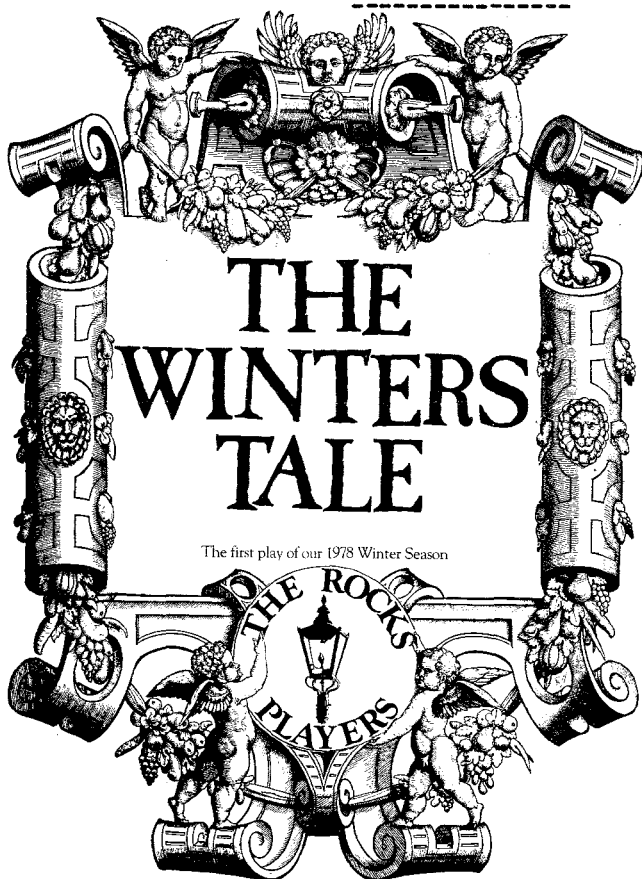
Finally, I would like to thank the Management Committee for their activities this year - for their support and their ideas. And I would like to wish the incoming Committee all the best for the forthcoming year.

Ralph Kaye.

new members

Welcome to :

Rosemary WILKINSON
Mohammed Javed AZIZ
Glendam STONE
Carolyn SCHELL
John PARTON
Marilyn BAYSCHO
A.A. Rusmana SULAIMAN



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at 153 Bridge Road, Glebe,
off Glebe Point Road.
Wednesdays-Saturdays inclusive.
Six weeks. Telephone Bookings:
Sydney (02) 531 1761.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14 August : The Monday Group

The Monday Group plans to meet at 10.30 am to make a trip to the NSW Art Gallery, having lunch at the Gallery. All welcome. Enquiries : Pat Moore, 660-4178

Wednesday 16 August : Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm at the Glebe Town Hall. Reports, elections and general business, usually brief and painless. Followed by general discussion over wine and cheese (free).

Thursday 17 August : Play reading

To be held at Fran Affleck's, at 'Volta', Alexandra Lane, Glebe at 8pm. The play will be Jean Genet's The Balcony, which is generally available. Enquiries to Jo Bastian 660-7107 or Fran Affleck 660-5979.

Sunday 20 August : Visit to Katandra Bushland Sanctuary.

Open to all members and their friends, but if you would like to come, please ring Theo Ahlston (660-1083) and indicate whether you need or can provide transport. Please bring along a picnic lunch.

Saturday 26 August : 'Rites of Spring'

Plans for an event to make use of the foreshores of Glebe are being made (see p 1). If you have ideas or wish to take part, please ring Eric Gidney for details (660-5093)

Monday 28 August : Drinks at the Rowing Club

Third of these meetings at the Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Rd, 6 to 7.30 pm. Raise complaints or suggestions over a social drink. A member will be there to sign you in. All welcome; pay for what you drink.

Saturday 2 September : Coffee Morning

To be held at the Youth Hostel at 28 Ross St., 10.30 - 12.30, by kind permission of the Warden, Pam Seibert. Members will have a chance to see how the building has been restored, and to find out something about the Hostel's aims and achievements.

NB. The Observatory Tour

The Observatory has informed us that it is solidly booked, so our tour will probably have to be late September. Those who have contacted John Hoddinott will be notified of the new date, and anyone else interested should ring John on 692-0071.

The Rocks Players - Theatre Party

The Rocks Players have moved to Glebe - performing at their new location of 153 Bridge Rd., near Glebe Point Rd. They are just starting (from 9 August) a bracket of plays - The Winter's Tale, Ionesco's The Killer and the Australian premiere of Peter Handke's They Are Dying Out.

The Winter's Tale will play a strictly limited six-week season, Wednesdays to Saturdays only at 8pm, matinees on Saturdays only at 3.30pm. Tickets : \$4.00, \$3.00 students and pensioners. Bookings : ph. 531-1761 or write to 5 Avon St., Glebe.

There are reductions for group bookings, and members interested in making up a party can ring Merle Larcombe on 660-0491.