



The Glebe  
Society

# BULLETIN

P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037

no 7  
1978

## President's Message

### FREEWAYS AND PLANNING THE MAIN ISSUES :

The Society looks like having a busy year. Apart from normal problems like Fletchers, the Freeway dinosaur is not quite dead yet.

The State Government in recent press articles seems to have changed from abolition of certain freeways corridors to placing them 'under review'. What this means is not clear, but a letter will be sent to the Minister asking for clarification and expressing concern at the change.

The Leichhardt Planning Scheme will shortly (??) go on display and will certainly need to be thoroughly analysed. Fortunately, four members of the new Management Committee will form the basis for the Planning and Environment Sub-Committee and moves are underway to coordinate with other groups in Annandale, Balmain and Leichhardt and possibly re-convene as 'The Leichhardt Planning Forum'. The members of the Sub-Committee are Eric Gidney (660-5093), Peru Perumal, Tony Harfield, Tony Larkum (660-7030) and Boris Sherban (660-7552).

It is very important for the Society to have active, effective subcommittees, These should be the mainspring for ideas and action. Apart from Planning the other groups are :

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES  
HISTORY  
GARDENING

The History Group has two convenors, Max Solling and Peter Stanbury. In the past this group has been responsible for major research which has been published in several magazines and books. A meeting for people interested in these activities will be announced in a later Bulletin.

The Social Activities Group needs a convenor. Plenty have offered to help, and the first meeting of the Social Activities Group will be held at 140 Hereford Street on Monday 18 September at 8.00 pm.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Eric Gidney for a very fine job in organising the 'Rites of Spring', which successfully highlighted the waterfront parkland issue. Five hundred people turned up and thousands saw the occasion on television.

Eric Sandblom  
President.

---

### THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :

President : Eric Sandblom - 660-6593  
Immediate Past President : Ralph Kaye - 660-2165  
Senior Vice-President : Tony Larkum - 660-7030  
Junior Vice-President : Peter Stanbury.  
Secretary : Betty Wright - 660-1875  
Treasurer : John Hoddinott - 692-0071  
Committee : Jeanette Knox - 660-7781  
Eric Gidney - 660-5093  
Tony Harfield.  
Boris Sherban - 660-7552  
Auditor : Alan Robertson  
Bulletin editor : David Reeve - 660-2207  
Distribution : Noeline Sandblom - 660-6593

---

## play reading

The Play Reading Group is Dead !!! Throughout this year, no more than four people have come to any of the meetings. We've decided to hold one final meeting, in case anyone wishes to resuscitate the group and has some good suggestions for doing so. This meeting will be at Jo Bastian's, 5 Allen St, Glebe, on Thursday 21 September at 8 pm. After that, R.I.P. ?!

---

# AGM

## MINUTES OF AGM :

1. The Meeting, held in the Glebe Town Hall, opened at 7.30 pm and some twenty-five members were present.

2. The President, Mr Ralph Kaye, opened the Meeting and welcomed new members. He apologised for the fact that Mr John Cowling, Secretary, was not able to be present.

3. The President stated that the Minutes of the last AGM had been published in Bulletin No. 7, 1977, and these were adopted by the Meeting.

### 4. Business arising from the Minutes of the last AGM :

Mr Sandblom raised the question of the Balmain coal loader. Mr Kaye said that the State Government had abandoned the proposal to build a new coal loader at Botany Bay and have opted instead to amplify the existing coal loader at Balmain, which is already notable for environmental problems. He said it will be necessary in the coming year to increase our liaison with the Balmain Group and the Annandale Association.

5. The President's Report and the Treasurer's Report, published in Bulletin No. 6, 1978, were adopted.

6. The President then read the Secretary's Report in which Mr Cowling said the Committee had put forward the Society's view regarding conservation, pollution and urban development during the year. He said 1978/79 promises to be an exciting year with the following issues to be clarified :

Leichhardt Town Plan  
Blackwattle Bay Development  
Glebe High School and  
Control of all forms of pollution in  
Glebe.

The Report was adopted.

7. The President said that during the past year there was no specific convener of the Social Activities Group. However some of the social activities were noted in Bulletin No. 6, 1978.

8. There was no Planning Committee Report as Mr John Bushell had left this year.

9. Mr Eric Gidney then gave the Environment Report in which he said the major event last year concerned the trees in Glebe Point Road and that this issue was satisfactorily resolved.

The other main issue was to keep Fletchers at bay on Forsyth Street. He had written to the Planning and Environment Committee but had not as yet received a reply.

Regarding the Bird & Lucas foundary, Mr Gidney said the Glebe Society did not have the resources to handle the matter and he would ask the Sydney University for assistance.

Mr Gidney then raised the issue of parklands in the Glebe area and said there was a golden opportunity for a park between Cook Street and Leichhardt Street. He said he has organised the Waterfront Action Group to hold a 'Rites of Spring' day for Saturday, 26th August, and called for volunteers to help landscape the area.

Mr Kaye moved a vote of thanks to Mr Gidney for his report which was adopted unanimously.

10. Max Solling delivered the History Report 1978 which dealt with a visit to Rookwood Cemetery, house inspection etc. He spoke amusingly about the NSW Rowing Association who steadfastly refused to allow anyone engaged in manual labour to compete as a bona fide amateur oarsman. His Report was greeted with applause, and adopted.

## 11. Election of the New Committee :

The President announced the results of untested ballots :

President	- Eric Sandblom
Senior Vice-President	- Tony Larkum
Junior Vice-President	- Peter Stanbury
Secretary	- Betty Wright
Treasurer	- John Hoddinott
Committee	- Jeanette Knox

The President then called for nominations for the three remaining Committee positions. Three were made and they were declared elected:

	- Eric Gidney
	- Tony Harfield
	- Boris Sherban
Auditor	- Alan Robertson
(declared subject to his acceptance)	
Bulletin Editor	- David Reeve

The President extended his heartiest congratulations to the new Committee.

## 12. Life Membership :

The President moved that Mr Jim Coombs be accorded Honorary Life Membership and that the conditions of being a Life Member are 1) service to the Society, and 2) must leave the district.

The motion was carried unanimously.

13. The Meeting was then declared open to general business.

Mr Hoddinott proposed a vote of thanks to Sue Robey and Jan Derricott for their distribution of the Bulletin, and Mrs Sandblom added thanks to the people who actually put the bulletins into letterboxes. The following motion was moved :

'THAT a special vote of thanks be noted in the Bulletin to Sue and Jan and thanks to the distributors of the Bulletin.'

Motion carried.

Miss Knox moved a vote of thanks to Mr Kaye for taking over the Presidency when Mr Coombs left. She said she would also like to record thanks in particular to David Reeve who has done such a terrific job on the Bulletin, and John Hoddinott who has done such a lot.

Mr Harfield said he had several matters to mention :

1. He is interested in a cycle way.
2. Renovations to Lyndhurst.
3. Freeway problem, even though the present State Government have scrapped it, but it may be on again.
4. Show some concern in regard to tertiary roads in the Glebe area, such as Glebe Point Road and Wigram Road.
5. Bridge at Glebe Point to be scrapped totally or built again.
6. There should be a better code in relation to building renovations.

There followed a discussion on these points:

Cycle way : Mr Kaye stated there has been a cycling group which had not got off the ground, but perhaps it could be started again. Mr Hoddinott said the Society are members of the NSW Cycling Institute.

Lyndhurst : Mr Kaye said that he believed Lyndhurst and the freeways are continuing items on the agenda.

Tertiary roads : Mr Kaye said it would be most inappropriate for the Society to push a solution to the problems that exist in one part of the municipality which would be at the expense of people who live in another part of the municipality.

Bridge at Glebe Point : Mr Kaye said the Society in the past has adopted the attitude that the Federal Road Bridge might possibly be opened as a pedestrian footway.

Building renovations : Mr Harfield's remarks concerning aluminium windows, etc. were agreed to by the members.

Dr Fowler spoke on the electrification of the railway, and said this issue should have priority over all others. Mr Kaye said that the Society had made a detailed submission to the State Government and published a monograph on that. He did not see that the issue of the extended railway is one that the Society can concern itself with.

Mrs Sandblom said the issue of public transport should be left to the new Committee.

Mr Hoddinott said :

1. The Festival of Sydney will have a day at Glebe towards the end of January next year, and the information will be in the Bulletin.
2. He has contacted the National Trust and obtained permission to use any information about Glebe in their book.
3. Members can meet the Committee at the Glebe Rowing Club for drinks on a Monday night once a month.

The Town Plan is due out soon.

5. Don't forget the Observatory tour.

Mrs Larcombe mentioned the Rocks Players now at St James Hall, Glebe. She suggested a playwright competition in conjunction with the Rocks Players with a prize from the Society's surplus money.

14. Mr Kaye declared that the formal AGM be declared closed and called on the new President, Mr Eric Sandblom, for his report.

Mr Sandblom spoke of his past activities with the Society, the Town Plan and the freeway. He announced that the first meeting of the new Committee would take place on Monday, 21st August, 1978, at 8pm at his home.

15. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm, to be followed by a supper of cheese and wine.

oOo

#### WHAT MANAGEMENT DID :

August 21 1978 :

first meeting of the new Management Committee was called for discussion of the future operations of the Society, the ways they were to be structured and carried out.

1. Further contact is to be made with the Balmain and Annandale Associations concerning the cooperation they need about the Balmain Coal Loader.

2. Further action is being considered on the questions of Fletchers and Forsyth Street, and of the Bird and Lucas Foundary pollution.

3. The President will write to 'Open Road' about their current freeway campaign. A letter to the Transport Minister is being considered.

4. The Planning and Environment Committee was established, to hold its first meeting on 28 August. Two convenors were appointed for the History Committee. A meeting will be held on 18 September to establish the Social Activit-

ies Group. A Communications Committee was suggested. This and methods of making more effective contact with members will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. The Society is contacting the Association of Residents Groups and Organisations (ARGO), which wishes to see more coordination between groups.

6. Mr Sherban will attend the National Planning Conference on behalf of the Society.

7. After discussion of a letter asking the Society to become involved in the question of the Freedom of Information Bill, it was resolved that individual letters be written by those interested.

8. Mr Jenkins of the Festival of Sydney is to be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the Festival's Glebe Day in January.

9. There was discussion of membership fees and of commercial businesses in Glebe which might join the Society.

10. The Committee resolved to contribute \$50 towards costs for the 'Rites of Spring'.

#### CORRESPONDENCE :

The City of Sydney Community Aid Abroad Group, 20A Stafford St., Stanmore, 2048 (516-1827), has written to the Society :

The N.S.W. State Office of Community Aid Abroad informed us that your society had donated a sum of money towards C.A.A. self-help projects in developing countries in May 1977. We were wondering whether any of the society's members may be interested in our activities.

We are a small group of inner city residents who have banded together under the title of the City of Sydney C.A.A. Group. Our object is to discuss and investigate problems related to development and the third world. We are particularly interested in deciding what we, as a small group of individuals, can do to help alleviate the hardships faced by people in developing countries .... indeed, if we can do anything ?!

(Members were invited to some films to be shown by this group, but the invitation unfortunately didn't coincide with a Bulletin)

We would also like to inform you of an afternoon devoted to 'Folklore from the third world' which we are planning for Saturday 16th September ..... people will be presenting and telling some of the legends and myths from their own countries.

We do hope that the interest which your society expressed by its donation might be extended to include participation in some of our activities. Of course, if anyone requires further information, I can be contacted on the above number most evenings.

We look forward to seeing some of your members, and we shall keep you informed of our future activities.

Yours sincerely,  
Janis Wilton.

**THANKS :**

A special vote of thanks was passed at the AGM to Sue Robey and Jan Derricott for their organisation of the distribution of the Bulletin, and to the distributors of the Bulletin. To this the editor would like to add his personal thanks.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 18 September - Social Activities Meeting

This is the first meeting for the social activities for the forthcoming year. Please come along if you have an idea or suggestion, particularly if you'd like to help organise one or more functions. To be held at Noeline and Eric Sandblom's, 140 Hereford St., at 8pm. (660-6593).

Thursday 21 September - Play Reading

SOS to those interested in play readings! This excellent activity is in danger of dying out. (see p1). At Jo Bastian's, 5 Allen St., at 8pm. (660-7107).

Monday 25 September - Drinks at the Rowing Club

Fourth of a regular set of meetings for members to meet the Committee in the pleasant surrounds of the Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Rd. From 6 to 7.30pm. Pay for what you drink. Members will be there to sign you in. Raise complaints and suggestions over a social drink.

Sunday 8 October - Coffee Morning

The last Sunday Coffee Morning was such a success that we've decided to repeat the experiment. This one will be at Judi Pritchard's, 54 Toxteth Rd., 11 to 12.30. Please note that this is the second Sunday in October because we have avoided the holiday weekend.

Monday 9 October - Monday Group

The last trip to the Art Gallery was so successful that it will be repeated this month. At the time of printing of this Bulletin, the date has not yet been finally settled, but it will have been decided when you receive the Bulletin. Anyone interested is welcome, and for final details, see the next Bulletin or ring Vi Hicks on 660-3694

**NB. The Observatory Tour :**

The Observatory will be letting us know the date of the tour, and all those who have expressed an interest will be informed as soon as we know. Anyone else interested should ring John Hoddinott on 692-0071

**General Interest :**

**The Rocks Players - The Winters Tale**

These are the last weeks for the Rocks Players season of 'The Winters Tale' at 153 Bridge Road, Glebe. Wednesdays to Saturdays only at 8pm, matinees on Saturdays at 3.30 pm. Bookings : ring 532-1761 or write to 5 Avon St., Glebe.

Wednesday 13 September - Council for Civil Liberties.

The regular open night for this month is on the topic 'DEFAMATION - Are our present laws adequate?', with Mr Murray Wilcox, Q.C., Law Reform Commissioner as speaker. All welcome; 6.30pm at 149 St. Johns Road, Glebe.

Saturday 16 September - Community Aid Abroad

The City of Sydney Community Aid Abroad Group has written to invite any interested members of the Society to attend an afternoon devoted to 'Folklore from the third world'. For further information ring Janis Wilton (evenings) on 516-1827.

Sunday 17 September - Katandra Anniversary

For those who enjoyed the visit to the Katandra Bushland Sanctuary, or for those who missed it, a visit to the Sanctuary on this day would coincide with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the designation of the area as a wildlife sanctuary. As well as the normal walks and picnic facilities, there will be an address by the famous naturalist Vincent Serventy after lunch. For further information, ring Theo Ahlston on 660-1083.

## Gardening

**PLANTS LIKE COMPANY :**

It has been found that plants grow more happily in a group than alone. Even house plants together, on a stand or table, do better than plants in solitude, each one in a room on its own.

In the garden, plants grow better planted fairly thickly, provided the soil is well nourished. It appears now, that there is a chemical affinity between certain plants, and antagonism between others. Some seem to provide mutual assistance and grow better in one another's company.

Much investigation in these matters has been done in Germany and America in regard to vegetables. Some of the findings are as follows :

Potatoes grow well near broad beans or sweet corn, but do not get on well near pumpkins, or cabbages. Cabbage and its near relatives are aided by nearby sage, rosemary or camomile and celery will assist in keeping away the white moth. Tomatoes also grow well near celery. Beans are happy near carrots, cauliflower and cabbage, but onion, leeks or garlic are considered to inhibit their growth. Sweet corn does well near beans or peas.

Peas like neighbours such as radishes, sweet corn, cucumbers and carrots. Cucumbers are happy to have sunflowers nearby. Chives also help cucumbers to combat mildew.

French marigolds (*Tagetes Patula*) are considered effective in combating soil nematodes, and are good to plant between rows of tomatoes, potatoes and beans if nematodes are suspected.

Nasturtiums are also helpful between vegetables particularly against mealy bug, or aphids on cabbages. Also nasturtiums are said to improve the flavour of radishes.

Parsley is beneficial to tomatoes and roses. Onions and celery like each other. Use borage near strawberries. Pine needles make a good acid mulch to keep strawberries healthy and clean.

It is said that rats and mice keep away if cat-mint is planted near doorways, and that rabbits hate onions, so if they are bad down your end of town, just plant onions near that hole in the fence.

J. MURRAY