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STOPPRESS!

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK VICTORY AT LAST!

Well, after several meetings and much negotiation with developers, council, State Government and unions, a compromise has been reached on the Blackwattle Bay Park.

Paul Landa, Minister for Planning & Environment told us that he didn't have money for everybody who wanted a foreshore park. However he would help us to negotiate with the developers. So, armed with this and a Green Ban imposed by the Building Trades Group we proceeded to get together with the Leichhardt Council and the developers and look at a way to provide the maximum size park with minimum environmental impact from the proposed development.

The result:-

Through several weeks of delicate negotiation, the Foreshores Committee, assisted by local architects, chiselled the development down from Parkes' original proposal for 109 units to a total of 104.

The remaining units will come to the edge of the cliff running across the park, giving us a waterfront reserve extending from Cook St to Rozelle Bay (including the site of Venezia) and averaging 50m wide, an area of about 1.3 hectares.

This is not as much as we had hoped for, unfortunately, but at least it hasn't been necessary to push up the height of the units and therefore the densities, beyond 3 stories and parking. The agreement will include the provision of a wall 750mm high at the edge of the roadway, to clearly delineate the border between the units and the park, and the bottom end of Leichhardt St will be deleted and turned into parkland.

We have modified the architectural design (or lack of it) to contour the units to the land and reduce the overall height wherever possible. It varies between 3 stories and 3 stories with 1 level of parking under. We have also suggested reworking the facades to a slightly more sympathetic design.

In a final meeting on Tuesday 19 December, the Minister insisted that the development be advertised prominently, so there will be a further stage of public review, in case anyone would like to raise objections to the proposed development, which, at the moment stands at 104 home units. Overall calculations seem to indicate a density of 213 persons/hectare.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Waterfront Action Group for their support and to confirm that their efforts have indeed brought success. The next move is to get the park landscaped with resident participation and to dream up a solution for the problem of Venetia.

We would like to thank Eric and Katie Gidney for the enormous amount of time and effort they devoted towards acquiring the park and to wish them a happy Christmas holiday and a less hectic New Year. Thanks also to Nick O'Neill of the Foreshore Committee and the many other people who helped to create the People's Park at Blackwattle Bay.



Helpers wanted for Glebe Day

A LETTER FROM THE FESTIVAL OF SYDNEY PEOPLE

I would like to confirm to you now the details of the Vintage Car Rally, which I have discussed with you and the Glebe Society at some length.

The Vintage Car Rally has been a major weekend attraction of the two previous Festivals and in the 1979 Festival we plan to increase the scope of activities surrounding this event. In 1978 the rally attracted around 20,000 people. The rally will take place on Sunday, 21 January at Jubilee Park in Glebe. The advantages of this location are considerable - being close to the city with good public transport access and parking facilities available at Harold Park paceway nearby. We have arranged with Leichhardt Council for Federal Road, which runs alongside the park, to be closed for the day and this will be the area where restored vehicles from every era of motor car will be parked. From this base groups of vehicles will make tours of various routes around the city.

Mr Doug Cawthorne has coordinated the participation of the various motor car clubs in both the previous rallies and this arrangement will continue during the third Festival. Mr Cawthorne devoted a great deal of time and trouble over a period of five months towards the rally last year and this effort was amply rewarded in the enthusiastic participation of more than 200 veteran, vintage and classic cars from a 1905 De Dion Bouton to a 1957 Mercedes. Already more than 80 vehicles have confirmed their participation for next year.

Prizes and trophies will again be awarded on the basis of the best combination of motor vehicle presentation and dress appropriate to the period of the vehicle. This method of adjudication proved most popular with both entrants and the public.

In 1978 the judges were Mr William Hagon, Motoring Editor of "The Sunday Telegraph" and Ms Beverley Heath, Co-Hostess of "The Good Morning Show" on Channel 10, formerly known as "The Maggie Eckhardt Show". We propose a similar arrangement for 1979.

As far as the general public is concerned, we would be providing an interesting and enjoyable programme of entertainment throughout the day. As far as it is possible, the programme will reflect the seniority of the participating vehicles and some of the groups and entertainers we will be engaging are as follows:

The Abbey Jazz Band, an Edwardian jazz band who wear striped waist coats and bowler hats; Dr Ozo's Medicine Show - a group of entertaining fire-eaters, jugglers and clowns; a Punch and Judy Show; the Sydney Morris Men and the Playford dancers - both entertaining English country dancing troupes; a brass band (it is hoped that we may be able to have an additional brass band from the USS OKLAHOME 7th Fleet with we understand will be in Sydney over that weekend); a lively folk music group and another folk singing couple Jack and Cathy; a superb Russian emigre accordion player called Matrey Krel, and an old Festival favourite, Erasmus the clown.

In addition, we plan to have on site some stalls that would lend flavour to the atmosphere of an Edwardian picnic and fair. For instance a candy floss stall and toffee apples for sale; perhaps a what-the-butler-saw machine and if possible, a carousel and demonstration of a steam traction engine or threshing machine.

We plan to have games in the park for everyone from 8-80! The games will include egg and spoon races, sack races, three-legged races, apple dunking, skittles, pin the tail on the donkey and so on. We hope to engage someone like Noel Brophy from "The Bull'n'Bush" to double as M.C./Edwardian Barker and compere of these games. This is a particular area where we would value your manpower and assistance in the running and organising of these activities.

I hope you will find the above programme as lively and as much fun as we do. With the involvement of the Glebe community I am sure it can be even more enjoyable and successful.

Yours sincerely

RODNEY JENKINS, Promotions Officer

P.S.

WE DESPERATELY NEED HELPERS - IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, COULD YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH JOHN HODDINOTT ON 692 0071



ESSAY COMPETITION IN TRANSPORT

The Trustees of the REES JEFFREYS ROAD FUND, through the Journal of Transport Economics and Policy have initiated a prize of £1,000 for an essay in transport. The prize will be awarded to the essay which, in the opinion of the Editors of the Journal and of the Trustees, makes the best contribution to knowledge and policy formation in the specified topic.

For 1979 the specified topic is:

The Relationship between Transport and the Viability of Central and Inner Urban Areas

Essays must not exceed 15,000 words, including appendices if any. They must be in English, and a summary of not more than 100 words must be enclosed. Any essay submitted must be a work of original research by the entrant only, neither previously published, nor submitted for publication elsewhere. Entries will be forwarded to the judges anonymously; therefore no indication of authorship may appear on the essay, but the competitor's name and address must be enclosed on a separate sheet of paper. Entries should be sent to:

The Secretary
Journal of Transport Economics and Policy
London School of Economics and Political Science
Houghton Street
London, WC2A 2AE
England

to arrive not later than Friday, 28 September 1979. The prize winning essay will be published in the Journal. The Editors may decide also to publish any other essays considered to be of sufficient merit. The judges' decision in all matters is final.

BALMAIN COAL



IF YOU'RE LIVING IN THE GLEBE POINT AREA THIS WILL AFFECT YOU.

COAL DUST ON YOUR WINDOWSILL

(Balmain Coal Loader Development Proposal)

This dirty noisy industry is planned to double in capacity. The coal loader dust we collect on the prevailing westerlies will at least double adding to what we already find on our windowsills. This decision, which all qualified experts oppose, has been made from motives of political expediency. Secure labour politicians need to be advised by their constituents that we cannot be expected to tolerate the coal loader at White Bay.

Write to Pat Hills, Roger Degen, both c/o Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney, and Les McMahon (MHR) c/o Parliament House, Canberra.

The present coal loader operated by the Maritime Services Board at Balmain is still failing to comply with several licence conditions. However, the Maritime Services Board has prepared an environmental impact statement which will be placed on public display for the period 27 November 1978 to 12 January 1979 at the following locations during their respective normal opening times:

State Pollution Control Commission Library
6th floor, 157 Liverpool Street, Sydney

Maritime Services Board of NSW Building
Circular Quay West, Sydney

New South Wales Environment Centre
399 Pitt Street, Sydney

City of Sydney Library
1st floor, Queen Victoria Building, George Street, Sydney

Leichhardt Council Chambers
7 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt

Balmain Library
380 Darling Street, Balmain

Glebe Library
191 Bridge Road, Glebe

The scandal is that were the coal loader to be built at Botany as originally planned, it would be totally enclosed, super streamlined and only about as noisy as the average truck.

The layout suggested for Balmain is quite primitive and the noises outlined in section 3.7 of the Environmental Impact Statement (see Glebe Library) could be reduced considerably by more up-to-date design of the plant and use of less primitive machinery, running on a continuous feed basis, vacuum air-conditioned and fully enclosed to eliminate dust and noise problems.

Scott Wheelhouse is putting together a joint submission on behalf of several resident action groups. He needs a lot of help before the deadline of January 15, so contact him on 827 3110.

Glebe Society members wishing to comment on the environmental impact proposal are advised to make their written submission before 15 January 1979 direct to the Honourable D.P. Landa MLC, Minister for Planning & Environment, 139 Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000 - and should expect a reply within three weeks.

PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED LEAFLET RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LEICHHARDT TOWN PLAN. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE WHICH AFFECTS THE FUTURE OF ALL OF US.



SYDNEY MURAL PAINTERS

The MURAL PAINTERS are a group of artists involved in painting murals in the inner city areas over the Christmas period.

They will be commencing work on a "Jungle Scene" complete with tigers and monkeys to be painted on a long fence at the junction of Avon Street and Ferry Road, Glebe. Interested children will be invited to help in the project.

The Result: a boring galvanised iron fence transformed for the pleasure of residents and passing motorists.

The mural painters urgently require your help in this project - please bring donations to 4 Avon Street or phone Judy on 660 0968

Donations: PAINT - any colour any quantity
BRUSHES AND ROLLERS - yes please
TURPS - lots
MONEY ALWAYS USEFUL - no limit

WE were cruising down South Dowling Street in the mid-day heat yesterday, hot and bothered and not enjoying the drive. And there to brighten our day was a wall of a house covered to head height with the words "tee hee hee, tee hee hee . . ."

(S.M.H. 20.12.78)

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 21 January - "Glebe Day"

The planned 'Glebe Day' of the Sydney Festival, see daily press and Festival publicity for details. The Vintage Car Rally will be located around Jubilee Park, and various other activities will be happening in and around the Park. John Hoddinott is liaising with the Festival Committee and would be pleased to hear from any member with some time to help with local activities (692-0071).

Monday 8 January - Drinks at the Rowing Club

Start the Glebe Society New Year with a drink with the Committee, 6 to 7.30pm at the Rowing Club. Details as for 20 Nov. (see above).



Saturday 3 February - Coffee Morning

Drop in for a cup of coffee after shopping, 10.30 to 12.30 am at Gwen and Jeanette Knox's, 26 Victoria Rd. Come along for the first coffee morning of 1979.

Monday 19 February - Drinks at the Rowing Club

The eighth meeting for a social drink with the Committee, 6 to 7.30pm at the Rowing Club. Details as for 20 November.

Saturday 24 February - Tranby Official Opening

The official opening of the newly restored Tranby - a planned rip-roaring Glebe-style corroboree to celebrate and raise money for the Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College. The Glebe Society wants to contribute to this excellent project - see details on Tranby in the next Bulletin.

Sunday 4 March - Coffee and Wine Morning; Betty Wright's, 120 Bridge Road. Drop in for a drink of coffee and wine (50c.) and to have a chat.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to:

Miss A Rose ✓
Robert Fabian ✓
Tomas Drevickovsky ✓
Jenny Wily ✓
Mr & Mrs Porteous ✓
Mr & Mrs Greentree ✓

Committee member Boris Sherban has tendered his resignation from the Glebe Society - we believe he is moving house to the cleaner and more salubrious shores of Mosman.

Many thanks for all your efforts with the Foreshores Committee and the Leichhardt Planning Forum, Boris and best wishes for the future.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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PO Box 100, Glebe 2037
The other address is only for subscriptions and messages left by hand.