



TOWN PLAN

BREAKTHROUGH ON TOWN PLAN ? :

On Thursday 28.6.79 Mr Landa, Minister for Planning and Environment, received a deputation organised by Peter Hehir of Rozelle which included Eric Sandblom, Stephen Harris and Bill Hume.

The Minister undertook, as an interim measure, to have Development Applications over two storeys referred to the Planning and Environment Commission (P.E.C.) pending the setting up of a round table conference comprising representatives of residents groups, Leichhardt Council and P.E.C. to resolve major objections to the Scheme.

Urgent moves are underway to finalise a joint Residents' Committee from Leichhardt to collate a comprehensive submission, based on petitions and objections circulated throughout the Municipality, to the proposed tripartite conference.

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TOWN PLAN DOORKNOCK :

Just as the Bulletin is being typed, Alan Robertson, who coordinated the doorknock campaign, was collating the petitions and objection forms collected. Quite a number of people have sent their objections direct to the Council. The breakdown on those collected by the Society is :

- Objections to roadwidening : 86
- Objections re open space : over 390
- Objections re zoning : over 450
- Signatures on petition to Council approximately 2000, and the same for the petition to Mr Landa.

Alan Robertson has asked the Bulletin to pass on his personal thanks to all the members and their friends who participated in the doorknock, and to the people who took the time to fill out the forms.

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10th BIRTHDAY PARTY

It's only a few days to the party to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Society's formation. New members and long-standing members are urged to attend the party and supper on Saturday 21 July at Hilary and Tony Larkum's, 17 Alexandra Rd, from 7pm.

Tickets are \$5.50 for a chicken and salad supper, beer, wine and soft drinks. We are also offering a concession price of \$4.00 to our pensioner members. And if you require a lift to and from the party, please inform us when making a booking. We can arrange transport in the Glebe and Forest Lodge area.

Note : to help us cater for the correct numbers, bookings should be made NO LATER THAN TUESDAY EVENING, 17 JULY, with any of : Jeanette Knox 660-7781, Betty Wright 660-1875, John Hoddinott 692-0071 or David Reeve, 660-2207.

UNIVERSITY HOTEL : GOOD NEWS :

In Bulletin no 4/1979 Alan Robertson wrote about the danger to the University Hotel, 281 Broadway - the plans for a twelve-storey residential block. Alan has just received the following letter from Mr Landa :

" I am pleased to inform you that following consideration of a report on the heritage significance of this building, I have decided that the University Hall should be afforded protection under the Heritage Act, 1977, and I have therefore made an Interim Conservation Order in respect of this item of the environmental heritage. "

Alan Robertson sees this as an important victory. This Order gives full protection for two years against demolition or unsympathetic alteration to the building. Within the two years the Heritage Commission has a statutory obligation to carry out an investigation and hold an inquiry to determine whether or not to grant a Permanent Conservation Order.

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Environment

BIRD & LUCAS FOUNDRY - THE GOOD NEWS :

I have received the following letter from Pat Hills MLA :

" I have ascertained from Mr John Grant, Managing Director of the Bird & Lucas Foundry, that he intends to re-locate the foundry in a more suitable area as the Glebe area is now becoming more residential and it would be better for the nature of their operations to be in a light industrial area.

As it will take time to find suitable premises and then to rebuild a new foundry, Mr Grant has requested the State Pollution Control Commission's permission to continue operations for a period up to December 1980 without having to build the chimney stack which they were insisting upon to overcome the air pollution created by the foundry.

Mr Grant has been assured by an officer of the SPCC that his request will receive favourable consideration and there will be no need to build the stack. As the property is already up for sale the foundry will no longer be a problem after December 1980."

LEAD IN PETROL PERMANENTLY DAMAGES CHILDREN :

If you didn't believe it before, you'd better believe it now. In "Lead Burden of Sydney Schoolchildren", Prof. Smythe and Dr. Freeman of UNSW tested children in Mascot, Mosman and the Blue Mountains. A significant percentage of the children had levels over 30 ug% (The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has laid down 15 ug% as a safe limit). It was found that there were associations between blood lead levels and delayed speech, class absence, preschool hyperactivity and behaviour problems.

S.P.C.C. quarterly reports indicate that the lead levels in the air at major intersections in Glebe are high enough to cause impairment.

It is surely false economy to accept mental retardation of children as the price of energy economy. And yet, during International Year of the Child, Fraser wants to increase the lead content of petrol in Sydney.

You are invited to attend a Meeting at GLEBE TOWN HALL SUNDAY 15th JULY, 1979 - 11.00 am.

Send letters of support to D.P. Landa and P.D. Hills, asking for further reductions in the lead levels of petrol (the estimated cost is 1/2 litre - surely not a high price to pay for children's development).

Send a letter to Fraser expressing your anger at his proposal to damage your children.

Eric Gidney, 660 5093

TOWN PLAN - ROAD WIDENINGS :

Eric Sandblom, the President of the Glebe Society, has sent the following letter to the Herald, concerning the road widenings :

" Sir,

Apart from the many other objectionable features of the Leichhardt Planning Scheme such as major increases in population densities in an area already overcrowded, and almost no provision for new parkland, there is one feature that requires an urgent answer.

Amongst the numerous (and mainly unnecessary) proposed road widenings, there are a few marked with pink stripes that seem to go nowhere. They affect Bridge Road and Ross Street in Glebe, and Darley, Foster and Tebbut Streets in Leichhardt.

It is only when the 1968 Planning Scheme is overlaid that the reason for these road widenings becomes clear - they are access roads to the Western Freeway !

Now just what is going on ? Is the Western Freeway really abandoned or is the State Government leaving this option open ?

The pressure from the Freeway lobby has been well sustained over the last year, particularly the N.R.M.A. and the Motor and Oil Industries whose efforts are really counter-productive as far as total freeway mileage is concerned (roughly the cost of one inner Sydney mile, or kilometre, equals ten elsewhere.)

Or is this just one more example of maladroit planning ?

Yours faithfully,
Eric Sandblom. "

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BOOK NOTICE

Restoring Old Houses, by Ian Evans. To be published by Macmillan in November, the book deals with Australian houses built during the Victorian and Edwardian periods. It aims to promote authentic restoration techniques and to discourage unsympathetic alterations. Australia's first national directory of restoration products, suppliers and services is included, together with details of the cast iron registration system which can be used as an aid to dating old houses. The 230 illustrations include interior and exterior photographs obtained from pictorial archives throughout Australia, as well as photographs taken especially for the book by the architectural photographer Patrick Crowe. The Foreword is by the noted restoration architect Clive Lucas O.B.E. 144 pages, 24 cm by 24 cm, \$14.95.

AGM

The Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall on Thursday 16 August at 7.30 pm.

The meeting will receive the reports of the outgoing Management Committee, which will be reported in the next Bulletin so as to streamline the meeting. The AGM will also elect a new committee for the next twelve months. Nominations for election to the following positions are open to all members :-

- President
- Senior Vice-President
- Junior Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 4 Committee members.

The immediate past President and the convenors of sub-committees are members ex-officio of the management committee.

Nominations for positions must comply with clause 10 of the Constitution. This means that they must be signed by the nominated person (with occupation and address) and by two proposers, and must reach the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M. - ie they must be lodged at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Thursday 2 August 1979. (The Constitution was published in Bulletin no5/1978 - copies available from David Reeve, 660-2207). A suggested nomination form is given in this Bulletin.

The Constitution may also be changed at the AGM, but notices of motion must also be forwarded to the Secretary by the above date. The nominations and notices of motion received by that date will be reported to members in

Bulletin no7/1979 before the AGM. Only positions for which no nominations have been received in advance will be open to nominations from the floor at the AGM.

The AGM is a relatively informal night, with the minimum of formalities before the wine and cheese. The Society has approached Clive Lucas to speak - he is a council member of the National Trust, a noted restoration architect who was responsible for the restoration of Elizabeth Bay House and who has done the initial work on Lyndhurst. All welcome - and anyone who would like to help out on the committee will be most gratefully received; enquiries to Eric Sandblom, President, 660-6593 or Betty Wright, Secretary, 660-1875.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thanks from the Treasurer to all those members who have paid their June subscriptions so promptly. Keep them rolling in. A special welcome to all the new members who have joined recently, usually because of the Society's stand against the Leichhardt Planning Scheme. The arrival of the Bulletin is the signal that you are on the books. Remember that particular issues can be raised at the AGM on 15 August, or at our drinks night at the Glebe Rowing Club every month. Now that the Planning Scheme Objection time has finished, we can move on to other local problems, but these need to be identified firstly. For that we need your help, so give us your views.

Glebe Society Management Committee 1979-80 Nomination :

WE, and , being members of the Glebe Society, hereby nominate as of the Society for the forthcoming year.

DATED SIGNED and

I, of (name in full) (address) consent to this nomination. (occupation)

SIGNED

NB. This form must be lodged with the Secretary, Betty Wright, at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Thursday 2 August 1979.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 15 July : Petrol Lead Content Meeting

At 11.00am at Glebe Town Hall - see article in this Bulletin. If you can't make this meeting but want to help, give Eric Gidney a ring on 660-5093.

Monday 16 July : Drinks at the Rowing Club:

Come along for a social drink with members of the Committee, at the Glebe Rowing Club at the end of Ferry Rd., from 6 to 7.30pm.

Tuesday 17 July :

Please book for Birthday Party by this date - see article for details.

Wednesday 18 July : Last of History Talks :

Free history talk - slides and wit - Max Solling will talk on 'A Mixed Bag - Some Local Worthies', at 7.30pm at the new Glebe High School library, which is centrally heated and carpeted.

Saturday 21 July : Tenth Birthday Party :

From 7pm at Hilary and Tony Larkum's, 17 Alexandra Rd. \$5.50 for supper and drinks; \$4.00 pensioners - transport available - see article on first page.

Friday 27 July : Town Plan Post Mortem Night

The Balmain Association invites people to a Town Plan Post Mortem night at the Balmain Watchhouse, at 8.00pm. B.Y.O., supper, \$1.50 head. Contact Diana Hale, 82-4946.

Saturday 4 August : Coffee Morning :

All welcome for a cup of coffee after your shopping, at Bill and Sally Nelson's, 21 Alexandra Rd., from 10.30 am to 12.30.

Monday 13 August : The Monday Group :

The Monday Group is meeting on the second Monday of August, for tea at Marion Harris', 280 Glebe Point Road, from 2.30pm. All welcome - enquiries : Pat Moore, 660-4178.

** Thursday 16 August : Annual General Meeting

At Glebe Town Hall at 7.30pm. Clive Lucas has been approached to speak - see article. Reports, elections and general business, usually brief and painless - general discussion over wine and cheese.

Monday 20 August : Drinks at the Rowing Club

Tentative date for a chance for a social drink with the new committee - to be confirmed in the next Bulletin.

Sunday 2 September : Wine and Coffee Morning

All welcome for a cup of coffee or wine from 10.30 am to 12.30, at Betty Wright's, 120 Bridge Rd.

Sunday 28 October : House and Garden Inspection :

Alan Robertson will be very pleased to hear from you if you are prepared to volunteer your house or could help out on that day - 660-6149.

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The motifs used in this Bulletin are of tiled panels from houses in Glebe.

NSW Council for Civil Liberties - Lecture :

Mr Justice Staples, who was Australia's roving Ambassador for two years, will speak at the Second Endowment Lecture of the Council for Civil Liberties, on Friday 3rd August 1979, 6.30 to 8.30 pm, at the Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre, Cleveland St. All welcome - admission free.

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Traditional Country Dancing - Glebe :

The monthly traditional dances held at Glebe Town Hall since April have turned out to be very successful. They are held by the Blackwattle Band and the Blackwattle Morris Men, and include traditional Australian country dances such as Waves of Tory and Soldiers Joy - which take about 5 minutes to learn. The dances start at 8.00pm, tickets \$2.50 at the door; enquiries : Phil Moore, 82-4317. They are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, ie 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November and 15 December for the rest of this year.

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HELP

SITUATIONS VACANT :

1. A distributor for the Bulletin is needed for a compact easy territory in Forest Lodge : Albert, Ross Streets, Wigram Rd West, Upper Rd and Cliff Terrace. Please contact Noeline Sandblom, 660-6593.

Special Thanks to Alison and Ted McKeown for their work in distributing the Bulletin in the above area, almost since the inception of the Society.

2. An interim Bulletin editor is needed for issues 8 to 10 (September to November 1979). The editor collects material, has it typed, delivered to the printers in Annandale, taken to the folders in Glebe and then handed over to the Distribution Convenor. This is an important job, and anyone able to help out can ring David Reeve on 660-2207.

3. Can anyone help out with the Birthday Party by making one loaf of garlic bread on Saturday 21 July? Please ring one of the names listed in the article if you are able to help.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to:

Stella KALITSOUNAKI, The XAVIER Family, Ken BROCK Mrs. M. DYER, Jim & Kate WARNER, Mr. & Mrs. HARRIMAN John HARRINGTON, Wayne CARV ETH, Phillip & Jan CAVE, Mrs. J.E. HARRISON, Miss Merrill BROWN, W. HAGAN, Michael FISCHER, Gino MOLITERNO, Mrs. Helen LEE, Mrs. Kio JENNINGS, Mrs. Mary DEANE, Jack EDWARDS, Andrew PHELAN, Pierre COCHRANE, Patricia FAIRLEY, Kyrsty MACDONALD, Margaret BEAZLEY, P.C. CHANG, Marion CANNON, Chris WOULFE, Maureen DOYLE, Miss Maree REILLY, Mr. & Mrs. GUINAN, Coralie & Frank PEDDIE Mr. A. & Mrs. J. SMITH, Ian NEUSS, Penny YOUNG.

