



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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A ROARING SUCCESS!

HOUSE AND GARDEN INSPECTION 4TH NOVEMBER

They came from the North, South, East and West by the bus and car load. Over 1000 people enjoyed looking through the twelve houses as well as looking at Glebe, possibly for the first time.

The houses selected ranged from "original" pre-renovated condition through the half way stages to the fully restored condition. Many came to learn the how and the why of restoration. Forty four copies of Ian Evans' book, "Restoring Old Houses" were sold and the Society is again in a very healthy financial situation as the following figures show:

TOTAL TAKINGS	\$3537.00
TOTAL PROFIT	\$2615.00
Ticket Sales	\$2153.00
Sponsorships - Local Traders	180.00
Books:	
"Restoring Old Houses"	176.00
"10,000 Years"	34.00
Guessing Competition	60.00
Greeting Cards	12.00
	<u>2615.00</u>

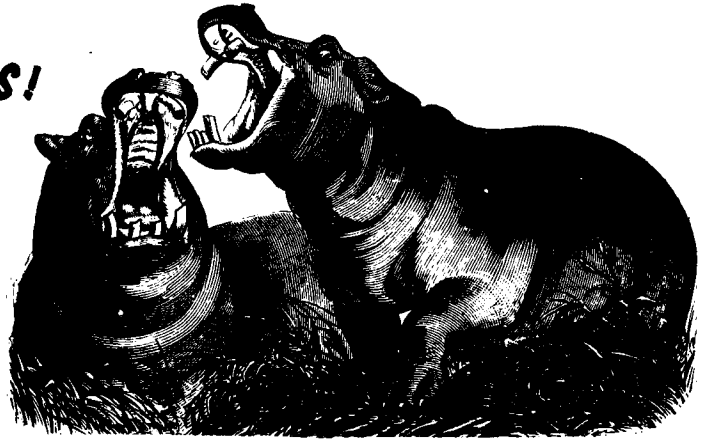
The main credit for the success must go to Alan Robertson whose organising ability is well recognised.

Special thanks also to the owners of the twelve houses:

- 3 Mansfield Street - Bruce and Karen Viles
- "Hauteville" - 18 Mansfield Street - Ian and Annette Evans
- "Tranby" - 18 Mansfield Street
- "The Lodge" - Cnr Avenue and Toxteth Roads - Peter and Elizabeth Stanbury.
- "Penharwood" 148 Hereford Street - Alan and Andrea Robertson
- 41 Ross Street - Rob & Lyn Renew
- 43 - 45 Arundel Street - Glebe Project
- 32 Derwent Street - Glebe Project
- 65 Derwent Street - Helios Enterprises Limited
- 72 Glebe Point Road - Mark Higgins

Thanks also to the many helpers who turned out and gave their time so willingly.

Those who missed out will have to wait until 1981 for the next house inspection.



THE BULLETIN

As you can see, the masthead has been changed and has, as its centrepiece, the building that has become a Glebe symbol - Lyndhurst - instead of the "streetscape" montage.

The trouble with the previous design was that none of the buildings were from Glebe, so the idea was to do something similar, using typical Glebe houses and buildings, with Lyndhurst as the centrepiece, but it didn't work. Lyndhurst was designed to stand alone, not as part of a streetscape.

So there it is, standing alone in a clean, uncluttered design. Paul Coupe was responsible for the artwork.

Also in this issue there's an ad for a Bulletin Editor as I took on the job in a temporary capacity after David Reeve stepped down (or was it up?). My main thrust has been to give the Bulletin a Glebe "look!" Illustrations from houses, buildings and magazines of the period when Glebe had its major growth, have been used over the past few months.

The task in future should be somewhat easier as layout sheets have been printed with the masthead and most commonly used headings. If required, advice and assistance are there for the asking.

Eric Sandblom

NEW MEMBERS

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| Ross POOLE | John & Betty CHALMERS |
| Brian & Dorothea SPEEDY | Mrs. PURNELL |
| Marie RAYNOR-SLADE | Mr. & Mrs. V.B. JOHNSON |
| Derek BARTON | Ms. A.E. HOOPER |
| Mr. W. LAURIER WILLIAMS | Mrs. Lorrie CLIFTON-SMITH |
| Miss C. RICKARD | Mr. Livio SULLIGOI |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ross WILLIAMS | John & Annette LAWLER |
| Cliff REECE | Dino CIPRIANI |
| Colin HAWKE | Eva COX |
| Glynis JONES | Mrs. Jean O'HALLORAN |
| Marilyn H. JONES-HILL | |
| Peter HILL | |
| Nicholas JONES-HILL | |

MISCELLANY

On the opposite page there's quite a few people needed to help the Society to carry out the many activities of the coming year. Now the membership has grown to well over 500, there should be plenty wanting to help.

LYNDHURST WORKING BEE

Thanks from the Heritage Council and the Society to those dozen or so members who worked extremely well on Sunday 18th November at Lyndhurst. We cleared one cellar room to the sandstock brick floor and a few cubic yards of rubbish was removed to the grounds ready for disposal.

The work is tough and we were tired after a couple of hours so we will confine the next "bee" to 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. I will try and arrange another morning in December or January by ringing members, or ring me if you wish to help in this useful work (692 0071). Equipment: buckets, spade, broom, gardening gloves, strong shoes.

John Hoddinott.

LYNDHURST GREETING CARDS

Still on sale at 10 cents each from John Hoddinott, 692 0071, these are very suitable cards for Christmas or New Year greetings.

BOOK OFFERS

10,000 YEARS OF SYDNEY LIFE
A Guide to Archaeological Discovery
Edited by Peter Stanbury.

Sections covering "After 1788", "Before 1788", and "Now A fascinating book, well illustrated and is available through the Society at the discount price of \$7.00, (\$8.50 is the retail price.)
Contact Peter Stanbury 660 1848.

Glebe Society members are invited to take advantage of a special offer on "RESTORING OLD HOUSES", by Society member Ian Evans.

Members who place a firm order now can obtain their copies at a special price of \$16.95. John Hoddinott will accept orders on 692 0071. Cheques may be sent to the Society's postal address, box 100 Glebe, 2037.

Here is a typical extract from this beautiful and informative book:

Homeowners can install their own chemical damp course at comparatively little expense. The Dow Corning company manufactures a suitable product, Drisil 48, which is available from chemical suppliers. The major tool required is an electric drill with a 5mm bit. Two holes should be drilled in every brick in the same course, on both sides of the walls. Holes are angled down to ensure that the chemical will flow in. In cavity walls the brickwork should be penetrated to a depth of approximately 85 mm in a brick of normal width of approximately 100 mm. Solid walls of 230 mm thickness should be drilled to a depth of approximately 160 mm. Holes on opposite sides of the wall should be staggered to ensure maximum dispersal of the chemical. A funnel can be used to pour the chemical into the holes or a suitable pump can be hired. The bricks should be well saturated with the chemical.....

HISTORY

(Conclusion of Max Solling's A.G.M. Report.)

In June and July this year varied talks on local history themes were given at Glebe High School and I would like to thank Barrie Dyster and John Fletcher for their most informative talks and headmaster Ian Porteous for allowing us to use the High School library.

During the year we've been doing a bit of research on cemeteries. Often you come across interesting epitaphs and the following is a selection of tombstone inscriptions from a variety of countries.

Beneath this stone
a lump of clay
Lies Uncle Peter DAN'ELS
Who early in the month of May
Took off his winter flannels.

Here lies an atheist
all dressed up and
no place to go.

Cemetery Silver City Nevada

Here lies Butch
We planted him raw
He was quick on the trigger
But slow on the draw.

John Penny's Epitaph - Wimborne England

Read if cash though art in want of any,
Dig 4 feet deep and though wilt find a Penny.

Widow's Epitaph in Vermont Cemetery

Sacred to the memory of my husband John Barnes
Who dies January 3 1803
His comely young widow aged 28 has many
qualifications of a good wife and yearns
to be comforted.

In Glebe funerals were a big thing in life of Francis James Merthyr of Queen Street. He was simply fascinated by them and in an era when the cortege frequently left the home of the deceased no funeral procession in the Glebe district was complete without Francis being in attendance. Mr. Merthyr, always dressed in mourning suite, would climb up on top of the horse-drawn omnibus and sit with the driver and wild horses couldn't move him. Francis received some boxing tuition at Fletchers gym in Glebe Road and prominently displayed in a shop window in front of the gym was a photograph of Francis in a boxing stance with a caption underneath which read: "The champion of Pinchgut: Never fought, never been beaten."

Just to round the whole thing off I'll finish with just a few more sensitive epitaphs.

Lawyer's epitaph in England

Sir John Strange
Here lies an honest lawyer
and that is strange.

Here lies Lester Moore
Four slugs from a forty four
No Les no more.

Here lies the body of Margaret Bent
She kicked up her heels and away she went.

HELP WANTED

PLANNING CONVENOR:

Alan Robertson has retired after 18 months as Planning Convenor, during which time he was the key figure involved in the waterfront campaign, the fight against the Leichhardt Planning Scheme and the most successful House and Garden Inspection ever held by the Society.

Planning has always been a key activity of the Society since it was formed ten years ago. In 1970 the Society proposed a Master Plan for Glebe which led to a Glebe Study by the State Planning Authority which was followed a similar Bamaian Study. These were the foundation stones for a new approach to inner-suburban planning.

The role of Planning in a residents association must go beyond being a watch-dog on the local council, but should take the initiative with well proposal to local and State Government bodies.

One of the most issues for 1980 will be get Paul Landa to honour his promise to set up a tri-partite committee of residents, Leichhardt Council and the State Planning and Environment Commission (SPEC). The residents committee have done enormous amount of work, culminating in an 80 page submission. This was requested by the Minister and was presented to him over 3 months ago.

Contact: Tony Larkum 660 7030

ENVIRONMENT CONVENOR:

Environment used to be part of the Planning responsibility and, at times, they tend to overlap. Basically it's Trees, Parks and Pollution Control. Again, not just a watch-dog role.

Contact: Tony Larkum 660 7030



THE OLD HAROLD PARK HOTEL AT THE CORNER OF ROSS STREET AND WIGRAM ROAD. FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LILLYBRIDGE HOTEL, IT WAS ERECTED IN 1888 AND DEMOLISHED IN 1959.

BULLETIN EDITOR

Aspiring to control the media? Why not start with the Society's Bulletin? With 10 issues per year and a circulation of 100s, at least it's a start. The job of collating, writing and layout. Could be a two person job - one editing, the other doing the layout. There's a fair amount of material available, such as layout sheets.

Contact:
Eric Sandblom
660 6593

GREEN THUMB:

The Society needs an enthusiastic organiser to revive the garden club (and, perhaps, write articles for the Bulletin). There must be someone out there will take the responsibility. There's a list of members prepared to participate, all that is required is bit of organising to help green our suburb even more. Minimal work, maximum gain.

Contact: John Hoddinott 692 0071

BULLETIN DISTRIBUTOR central Glebe Point Road area between Wigram Road and St. John's Road approximately. Many thanks Sue Johnson for your help. Phone Noeline Sandblom, 660 6593.

CASUAL BULLETIN DISTRIBUTORS, I need three or four people who are willing to fill in at short notice when a regular distributor is away. Calls on your time will not be constant, areas are generally compact, detailed lists supplied, gratitude guaranteed. Phone Noeline Sandblom 660 6593.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOTES

From 1500 leaflets distributed, fifteen people attended the Blackwattle Bay Park public meeting on 25.10.79. Congratulations to Hilary and Ingrid for their work on the park design.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a net profit of \$2615.00 and over 1000 people attended the House Inspection.

The Committee unanimously thanked Alan Roberston for his splendid organisation of the day.

Participation in the "Glebe Day" during the Festival of Sydney next January - it was decided that we would not participate actively because the Day is of no real gain to the Society, nor particularly to Glebe. Last year's work gave very little return for the numbers of members involved

The Bulletin was discussed. Decided to try a masthead of Glebe buildings. The Committee congratulated Eric Sandblom on his brief but professional editorship.

The development application for the proposed asphalt mixing plant on the Pioneer Concrete site in Bridge Road next to the Glebe High School was condemned and the Society is making strong representation opposing it on several grounds.

Foreshores: The use of Steetly's site for scaffolding for three years approved by the Leichhardt Municipal Council recently was noted. A great loss in our fight but we won't give up hope yet.

The Wentworth Park grandstand and attendant issues were discussed at length. Bill Nelson gave the meeting a list of the members of the Park Trustees. A plan of action was made and we will keep the members of the Society in touch with developments.

Tony Larkum suggested that we ask our members to list their expertise, i.e. architectural, town planning, legal, etc.

John Hoddinott

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Tony Larkum	660 7030
Immediate Past President:	Eric Sandblom	660 6593
Senior Vice President:	Peter Stanbury	660 1848
Junior Vice President:	David Reeve	660 2207
Secretary:	John Hoddinott	692 0071
Treasurer:	Mike Reynolds	692 0790
Committee:	Betty Wright	660 1875
	Bill Nelson	660 0038
	Rosemary Wilkinson	6604531
	Kemp Fowler	660 5258
	John Buckinham	660 7780
	Paul Coupe	692 0716

The illustrations used in this issue are from the period when The Glebe had its major growth - 1865 to 1900.

For your diary



COME ALONG TO THE SOCIETY'S XMAS PARTY!!!!

Monday December 10: XMAS PARTY

Wish your friends a Merry Xmas at the final social activity of the Society for 1979. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm at the Glebe Rowing Club. Hot buffet, wine, beer and soft drinks \$7.50 per head Pensioners \$5.00. R.S.V.P. (essential for catering purposes) by 2.12.79 to: Betty Wright - 660 1875 Jeannette Knox - 660 7781 David Reeve - 660 2207

Monday January 21, 1980 - Drinks at the Rowing Club

Garden Club of Australia - GARDEN SCHOOL

The Garden Club of Australia is holding a Summer School in the Menzies Room, Women's College, Sydney University, for 12th - 14th February, 1980. The topics to be covered over the three days include Cacti Pruning, Climbing Plants, Magnolias, Exotics, African Violets, Natives, Macadamia and other nuts, Ferns and Ground Covers. Cost is \$6.00 per day. Information from Mrs. Kay Maccallum, phone 90 2768 or Mr. George Wilmot, phone 81 2086. Bookings close 4.2.80.

TENNIS has been cancelled through lack of support.

COUNCIL MEETINGS are first and third Tuesday of each month.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

