



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID.

1. The fees increase detailed in the previous Bulletin issue, was approved.
2. A pamphlet on parks was prepared in collaboration with our Sister Associations, and will be distributed throughout Glebe soon.
3. Wentworth Park - the grand-stand has been approved and it seems unlikely that any change in the plan can be achieved, particularly in the absence of local resident opposition.
4. A letter has been sent to Leichhardt Council requesting that the waterfront land in the Jubilee Park/Johnstons Creek area be turned into open space entirely, rather than the P.E.C.'s idea of swapping some areas for others. The fire in the old Steetely's site was noted, particularly in view of the dangerous situation resulting from the explosion of stored chemicals.
5. The Minister for Planning and the Environment was sent a letter protesting, in the strongest terms, the proposed waterfront development at 465 Glebe Point Road. The Minister has replied sympathetically, but we await the final outcome.
6. The Society has opposed the rezoning to 23-25 Cook Street from 4(c) Industrial to 2(b)4 Residential because we consider 2 (b)4 to be too high for Glebe and particularly in the foreshores zone.

John Hoddinott

PRESERVATION OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CAMPERDOWN

As part of the fund-raising now necessary for the preservation of Blakett's St. Stephen's Church (1835) in Camperdown, a mouth-watering banquet of six courses (with wines) is being organised at the Rectory, 189 Church Street, Newtown. A post-bellarium treat will be an informal talk by Ken Cable, master weaver of fact and fiction, history and legend.

Seating is limited to thirty, the cost per head is sixty dollars.

All enquiries please by 1st July, to the Rectory - 51-2043.

LYNDHURST CLEANED UP - A LITTLE.

A good turn-up by Society members on a fine Sunday morning on the 22nd June soon saw a rapid improvement to the state of rubbish in the cellars of Lyndhurst and resulted in a great pile of debris out the back.

Every little helps! But there is a good way to go before this 1835 Verge building is restored. The most noticeable improvement is a complete set of new windows giving some glimmer of an idea of the elegance which was and is yet to come (thanks to the N.S.W. Heritage Council).

Many thanks to all those who set aside their Sunday morning to do their bit!

Tony Larkum



ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Anyone who did not receive a Subscription Renewal Form with the last Bulletin, please phone Mike Reynolds, 692-0790.

GROUND COVER
(Part 3)

I have stressed the importance of thorough preparation of the ground, before laying inanimate cover. It is even more important for living cover. There is nothing more displeasing to the sensitive gardener than a bed of ground-cover disfigured by spikey seed-heads and long trails of couch grass. The only way to rectify such a problem is to dig it all out and start again. So make every effort to eradicate weeds either by painstaking hand-weeding and removal of roots and runners, or use a weed-killer.

2300 weedspray acts through the leaves, kills in two weeks, and most important, does not leave a residue in the soil, so that you can plant after two weeks.

Improve your soil by adding humus in the form of leaf-mould, compost or peat-moss, and add a little general fertilizer such as blood-and-bone.

Ascertain how quickly your chosen plant is likely to grow and how widely it will spread. Space out your plants accordingly. Water with a foliar-feed such as Aquasol to give them a good start and continue this every 10-14 days till they are growing well.

When you have attained your goal, and the ground is covered, the plants provide their own mulch, keeping the soil cool and moist so that less watering is needed. It is not necessary to cultivate the soil further. Remove any weeds by hand. Occasional pruning and shaping will be required to keep your ground-cover within bounds.

I repeat my warning on Ivy which, once established, can rapidly become a nuisance. Do not allow it to climb (which is, of course, its nature) for it can smother trees, damage brick-work and paint, and drag over old paling fences.

Many gardeners, while appreciating the advantages of ground-cover, like to mark the changes of the seasons. Some particularly miss the gay colour of annuals in the garden. It is possible to cut pockets in suitable ground-cover, such as native violet, or Plectranthus, and plant Spring annuals. When these are over, the ground-cover is allowed to grow back, for low maintenance during the hotter months.

Personally, I love bulbs and have planted them under pine-bark mulch and under carpeting plants. The sweetly-perfumed freesia, native of South Africa, starts blooming in August, and makes itself so much at home that seedlings must often be considered weeds. Another more unusual Spring-flowering bulb which enjoys our climate is the Tritelia from South America, with starry blue flowers. And for Autumn we have the Zephyranthes or white autumn crocus. The foliage dies back naturally into the ground-cover, and is not unsightly as it often is in formal gardens.

Finally, a little advice on a big problem for Glebe gardeners. Many of our old gardens are heavily infested with the notorious weed Oxalis, which grows from a corm. At the height of its growing season it has a strong carrot shaped tap-root and produces many tiny offsets around the mature corm. These cormlets remain viable in the soil for years, not growing if the soil is undisturbed. BUT, as soon as the gardener cultivates or hoes, he spreads them around, and by aerating the soil, produces the conditions suitable for growth. Within a

few weeks he finds he has a prolific crop of new oxalis seedlings.

It takes much time and patience to control Oxalis. A good layer of inanimate cover (as described in Part 1) will deter growth.

However, if you wish to cultivate, I suggest tackling it in stages. After applying weed-killer, cover with black polythene and, if you wish, place tubs of imported soil for your plants. Then uncover a small area at a time and methodically attack the oxalis with weed-killer and regular weeding with a hand-fork. Always remove the corm and destroy by burning or put in the garbage bin.

Sally Nelson

DMR-AFFECTED AREAS IN GLEBE.

The Society has received a long letter from the architectural firm of Perumal, Neill, Barbara & Partners, of Glebe. The firm has been engaged by the D.M.R. "to prepare a rehabilitation scheme on the abandoned freeway land, Lyndhurst area, Glebe, for the eight blocks lying between Wentworth Park Road, Pymont Bridge Road and Lyndhurst Street".

Society members in the area were invited to a meeting in early June. A very good turn-up occurred, many interesting comments were received on the guidelines from the D.M.R. to the Architects, and on the Architects' initial suggestions. A letter is being prepared to put forward the views expressed at the meeting, and members will be kept informed of developments.

It should be noted that the Society is pleased that a firm of local architects has been chosen and credit must be given to the D.M.R. for having made a good choice. As many of you know, Mr. Perumal was an early President of the Glebe Society, and has been involved in the Glebe Estate rehabilitation project. We are assured that the present plan, although on a smaller scale, is in good hands, and that local and resident opinion will be taken into full consideration.

The abandoned freeway land includes "Lyndhurst". We invite members to walk around the area, bounded by Lyndhurst and Cardigan Streets. Copies of the plans and correspondence can be viewed by phoning John Hoddinott at 692-0071, and can be seen at the Annual General Meeting on 13th August.

Finally it is worth remembering that the Glebe Society successfully opposed the freeway plans in 1974, and the State Government finally abandoned the freeway project in 1976.

John Hoddinott

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday, 13th August at 7.30 p.m.

PARKS FOR THE PEOPLE

A protest is being organised over the misuse of parks in the Municipality by the Joint Resident Action Groups of Leichhardt.

The meeting will receive most of 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 :-

The whole of the Municipality has less than 40% of the open space recommended by the Planning and Environment Commission. Annandale has only 16% of the recommended amount! Yet the new Town Plan allows for increases in population densities, especially in The Glebe and more and more of our parkland is being alienated for sectional interests or for car parking.

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

New position (see note in this Bulletin)
Committee Member representing New Members

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

In the Glebe the whole of Wentworth Park and Harold Park are marked as green (open public space) on the planners maps but we all know how much benefit local residents derive from these. Local residents might feel happier if there were any progress on the waterfront parks issue. However, the handing over of the proposed Blackwattle Bay Park appears to have been stalled for over a year now and the State Government has given little encouragement over Glebe Society plans for waterfront land on Federal Road.

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 who must both be Glebe Society members, and must reach the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M. - i.e. they must be lodged at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Thursday 31st August, 1980. A suggested nomination form is given in this Bulletin.

A public meeting to protest the situation will be held in Leichhardt Town Hall in late July. Watch out for further details or phone 660-7030.

TONY LARKUM

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 7/1980 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.

GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL REVERSAL

The Glebe Society has been reliably informed that no funding is being made for permanent building of the High School on Taylor Street by the Department of Education in its next annual budget.

The AGM is a relatively informal night, with the minimum of formalities before the wine and cheese. Traditionally a guest speaker is invited to give a talk on an issue of local or conservationist interest. In past years, our speakers have given those present an apposite point of view, and all have been well worth hearing.

The implication seems to be that the Department of Education has had second thoughts about the need of a local high school.

Tony Larkum

All welcome - and anyone who would like to help out on the committee will be most gratefully received; enquiries to Tony Larkum, 660-7050, President, or John Hoddinott, 692-0071, Secretary.

GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1980-81 NOMINATIONS :

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.

SIGNED.....

NB. This form must be lodged with the Secretary, John Hoddinott, at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Thursday, 31st July, 1980.

NOMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE IN THIS FORMAT ON PLAIN PAPER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CUT OUT THIS FORM.

PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE TO THE SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION.

ROZELLE BAY PARK

The Management Committee proposed at its meeting of 5th May, a change to the Constitution of the Glebe Society, to add a new Management Committee position to represent new members. The proposal reads -

"A new category of Committee Member: A new member to represent members who have joined within the last twelve months".

The Committee Member would himself/herself be a new member, in the above terms, and will be introduced formally by Peter Stanbury at the Annual General Meeting.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Smith - "The Architectural Character of Glebe"	\$8.00
Evans - "Restoring Old Houses"	\$16.95
Leichhardt Association/PEC - "Plants of the Inner West"	\$2.50
Glebe Society Greeting Cards, with a line drawing of Lyndhurst	15c.ea. with envelope.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Tony Larkum	660-7050
Immed. Past Pres.	Eric Sandblom	660-6593
Senior Vice President:	Peter Stanbury	660-1848
Junior Vice President:	David Reeve	660-2207
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	John Buckingham	660-7780
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Editor - Bulletin

Contributions

Would all contributors to the Bulletin please submit all items on or before the 15th of each month.

Essay Competition

No anecdotes have yet been received for the Essay Competition. Are there no potential writers in Glebe?

Closing date 11th July, 1980.

Merlyn Larcombe
Editor

In last month's Bulletin we reported the proposal of the Planning and Environment Commission regarding the waterfront park in Rozelle Bay adjoining Jubilee Park. We mentioned too, the Council's response which suggested the retention of Federal Park by the Council as well as the acquisition of the waterfront park.

Two significant meetings have taken place since our last report:

1. The Annandale Association called a public meeting of Annandale residents and objected to the suggested transfer of Federal Park to the Maritime Services Board in exchange for the Board giving Leichhardt Council the waterfront along Federal Road.
2. The representatives of Council and local resident groups (including the Glebe Society) have met Mr. Ferguson, Minister in charge of the Maritime Services Board, to discuss the matter of waterfront land on Rozelle Bay. The Minister has heard our proposals and expressed sympathy. Discussions are continuing.

Expect further reports as progress is made.

John Buckingham

For your diary

Sunday, 13th July, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coffee and Wine Morning at Mary McQuade, 36 Allen Street.

Monday, 21st July

Monday Group proposes to visit the National Trust Headquarters, The Rocks.

For further details ring 660-3694.

June Meeting - a very pleasant afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. P. Nelson, Alexandra Road. The group was pleased to welcome home Mrs. P. Moore after her recent overseas trip. Pat entertained us with an interesting resume of her travels.

Monday, 21st July - 6 - 7.30 p.m.

Drinks at the Rowing Club.

Wednesday, 13th August, 7.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting at the Glebe Town Hall.

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, 2nd August, 7.30 p.m.

The Lodge, Cor. Toxteth Road and Avenue Road.

Buffet Meal, Food and drinks, \$5.

For reservations phone Jeannette Knox, 660-7781 or John Hoddinott, 692-0071 by 25th July.

FOR SALE OR LEASE

PUBLIC PARKLAND

*Finance arranged for approved buyers
contact your friendly government representative*

THESE ARE THE FACTS:

WENTWORTH PARK Crown Land dedicated for public parkland has been alienated permanently to sectional sporting interests. The National Coursing Association is to erect a nine-storey Grandstand and 50% of the remaining parkland is to be resurfaced to allow public car parking.

HAROLD PARK Crown Land dedicated for public parkland has been alienated permanently. In 1979 Leichhardt Council sold land at the entrance to Harold Park to the Trotting Association of NSW thereby allowing closure of a public right-of-way through the grounds. Recently another 20 nights of racing per year have been granted, creating an intolerable increased burden on local residents.

ANNANDALE has only 15% of the open space recommended by the NSW Planning and Environment Com-

mission. Nearly half of this open space is affected by the Johnston's Creek Valley Highway. Already some of the land zoned for future open space (as compensation for the planned highway) has been re-zoned residential.

LEICHHARDT Leichhardt Park is *not* Leichhardt's Park. A large part of this Crown Land is used almost exclusively by a small minority of professional footballers and no resident use is allowed. Leichhardt Council not only actively assists in this situation but has spent \$1 million of your money since 1973 in maintenance and building costs. The Council also recently sold Crown Land in this park to the Apia Club.

ROZELLE Easton Park is to become the training ground for the Balmain Leagues Club. Leichhardt Council has agreed to flood light the Park and the next plan is to fence the Park off.

WE DEMAND THAT NO FURTHER PARKLAND BE ALIENATED FROM THE RESIDENTS
AND THAT FURTHER PARKLAND BE PURCHASED AS COMPENSATION
FOR WHAT HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM US

GIVE US BACK OUR PARKS

For enquiries: John Hoddinott 692 0071
Joint Residents Associations of Leichhardt