



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID

Blackwattle Bay Park

Bob Armstrong reported he had contacted the original committee that had interacted with Council on the project. He had also contacted the landscape architect who had recently inspected progress. Most of the planting had been done on the southern section and commenced around Venetia. Representations would be made to Council on regrading of the slopes, as it would be better to have less steep slopes.

There was concern that Council should provide brick paving and not just bonded gravel, and should proceed with the provision of the turning circle at the end of Leichhardt Street.

Preliminary proposals have been made concerning "Venetia" and these will be considered at the next meeting of the Trees and Open Space Committee. A report will be included in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Deputation from Darling Street residents

Representatives from the residents of Darling Street sought support from the Committee for their opposition to a proposed new commercial development in a workshop in Darling Street, which they felt would cause increased noise and traffic. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should write to the chairman of the Town Planning Committee about the matter, and advised the residents to contact the relevant building inspector.

Pollution

John Buckingham reported that filters had been fitted to White Bay Power Station, but could not be installed at Pyrmont before Winter.

Meloy's

John Buckingham attended the meeting arranged by Council about the proposed development of Meloy's site. It was felt that the proposal was not economically viable, and Meloy's were likely to be remaining on the site. The management committee felt it could not give blanket support to the Glebe Action Group's proposal to erect boom gates to keep the trucks out, as this would merely shift the problem to other areas.



BOOKS FOR SALE

The Glebe Society has in stock a number of interesting books, some of which are not readily obtainable elsewhere. They are available at any time from the President, Maureen Colman (telephone 660 2302) and copies will be on display at the next Coffee Morning, on Sunday 13th June

Titles available:

Alan Roberts, Women
Men's Work

These illustrated booklets are Numbers 1 and 2 of the Social History of Glebe and Annandale, produced by Bill Collins and Faye Smith at Glebe Public School. \$2.00 each

J.P. Gerofi, Better Public Transport in Sydney's Inner Western and South-Eastern Suburbs
(Glebe Society Occasional Monograph No. 3)

Ian Evans, Restoring Old Houses (Macmillan Australia) \$16.95

Department of Housing and Construction,
Glebe Project
(Australian Government Publishing Service) \$7.60

Barry Groom and Warren Wickman, Leichhardt an Era in Pictures (Southwood Press) \$6.95

LIGHT RAIL ASSOCIATION

Members who delighted in our train rides and followed the activities of our Light Rail Group last year will be pleased to hear of the inauguration, on March 3rd, 1982, of the Light Rail Association as an autonomous body, with Dr. Kemp Fowler, who chaired the foundation meeting of the Glebe Society as its President. The Secretary is Annique Duc, P.O. Box K637, Haymarket, 2000, Phone 211 4859; Treasurer Bob Henderson (Ph.412 1256); Committee Members, Bob Young, Victor Allen, Glen Collyer, John Hodinott. Hon. Consultants are Emeritus Prof. Ross Blunden, Dr. Peter Spearritt and Dr. John Gerofi; and Hon. Vice Presidents are: The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mr Doug Sutherland, Mr Ted Mack M.L.A., Ms Elisabeth Kirby M.L.A., The Hon. Milton Morris, Ald Robert Tickner, Mr Jack Munday, Prof Leonie Sandercock.

The long term aims of the association are the betterment of conditions for daily travel by the residents of Sydney, and the protection of their residential lives from unnecessary degradation by the means of such travel.

The association believes that a major contribution towards this end can be made by the development of a light rail transport network intelligently integrated with existing and future ferry, heavy rail, and bus services.

As immediate but not exclusive objectives, the association seeks a full scale feasibility study of the light rail proposals of the Glebe Society and the achievement of a sufficient network to link the inner suburbs and the city with the Haymarket/Darling Harbour development and the existing rail systems, by the Bicentennial Year.

The association will undertake any activity which could advance its aims and objectives, but has a particular interest in the following:

- (A) Public Activity such as lectures, meetings, publications, rail trips, rallies, social functions and the like intended to inform the public of the nature and merits of light rail systems and to gain their support.
- (B) Professional Activity by way of the further detailed development of light rail proposals, and study of their costs and environmental impact, together with friendly contact and dialogue with professionals engaged in these fields.
- (C) Political Activity by way of both public and private approaches to State and Municipal authorities for acceptance of the aims of the association and implementation of its objectives.

The committee is undertaking an immediate membership drive (to which it hopes that you will respond), is seeking applications from residents associations and the like, and sponsorship from suitable commercial bodies.

It will publish a regular bulletin and further monographs, organise train rides and other public functions, and is planning a major "station opening" with a light rail vehicle and associated exhibition for next year's Festival of Sydney.

The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.30p.m. on the top floor of the Mondo Cane building, corner of Ultimo Road and Thomas Street, Ultimo, and welcomes members.

L I G H T R A I L A S S O C I A T I O N	
Membership Form	
<p><u>NAME</u></p> <p>GENERAL OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>Surname Given Names</p> <p>AFFILIATE OR SPONSORSHIP MEMBERSHIP:</p> <p>Name of Organisation</p> <p><u>POSTAL ADDRESS</u></p> <p>.</p> <p>. Postcode</p> <p><u>PHONE NUMBERS</u> Home Business</p> <p><u>IF AFFILIATE OR SPONSORSHIP MEMBERSHIP</u>, Names of Nominated Representatives to be accorded General Membership:</p> <p>NAMES POSITION</p> <p>.</p> <p>I/we apply for membership and agree to the Constitution and Rules of the Association.</p> <p>Signature(s)</p>	<p>Type of Membership:</p> <p>- General \$15.00</p> <p>- Associate \$5.00</p> <p>- Affiliate \$30.00</p> <p>- Sponsorship</p> <p>Receipt No.</p>

HISTORY

The last edition of the Bulletin contained the first part of an article by Max Solling on WILLIAM BARDSLEY (1856 - 1929), the 'Boss' of Forest Lodge Public School. The second part appears below.



Life in late Victorian Sydney was made more bearable and interesting by that part of the recreational apparatus known as "Sport" which, according to W F Morrison in 1888, was "one of the characteristics of Australian life". The school curricula in private and public schools in the last two decades of the nineteenth century actively promoted the system of manly and compulsory games and one special virtue which sport was supposed to have established was the concept of "manliness", a term which escapes precise definition. In their formal education the young of Victorian Sydney were bombarded with manliness and its offshoots, service to friend, queen and country.

By the 1870s, A B Weigall had introduced all the distinctive features of the Arnold system to Sydney Grammar School where he was headmaster, of a cadet corps, prefect system, school colours and a distinctive school uniform and, of course, organised sport.

William Bardsley was one of the best batsmen in the Glenwood club and small boys marvelled at the power of the headmaster's square cut which he displayed during recess on the school's asphalt pitch.

Bardsley was an avid protagonist of the cult of games at Forest Lodge public school and a great believer in the virtues of patriotism. He sought to instil in all his pupils the sporting spirit (it was unthinkable to query an umpire's decision) and encouraged the children to swim and play football and tried, with limited success, to interest them in lacrosse and baseball.

Prior to heading off by tram to Drummoyne baths every Wednesday in summer, pupils were treated to a demonstration of breast-stroke: the rather portly figure of their headmaster stretched out on a schoolyard table, an extraordinary sight that lingered long in the memories of many small children. But it was cricket that captured William Bardsley's imagination; any boy with no interest in cricket was an infidel with no hope of salvation.

The public schools system was a great purveyor of imperial sentiment and King Edward VII and King George V had no more loyal subjects in their empire than the children of Forest Lodge. They reserved their most enthusiastic displays of devotion to King and Empire for Empire Day, singing patriotic songs at Epping Race-course where ladies of the district presented them with a rock cake, apple and sandwich and they received free rides on the merry-go-round, razzle dazzle and swinging boats.

The Forest Lodge headmaster was an outstanding teacher, possessing the ability to present any subject with great clarity and always able to make lessons interesting. Highly respected by the children, he was in complete control in the class room and, in common with teachers of the day, he was a disciplinarian. If you were given the cane by the "Boss", you must have deserved it - parents told their children.

William Bardsley was a volatile personality, at times irascible and peppery and, moments later, uproariously humorous. He was in private life a great lover of Gilbert and Sullivan. A pupil at Forest Lodge from 1904 to 1912 remembered Bardsley as being kind and generous and:

When boys did not have the money to take part in out-of-school class activities he paid for them. He gave much of his time to class expeditions: to Hawkesbury Agricultural College, to South Head to see the ostrich farm and the Macquarie Lighthouse, to Wentworth Falls or Blackheath to explore the mountains... Normally he was severe with truants, but if we happened to be absent during a Test Match there was never a query as to why we had been absent. On one such occasion when I had been absent, he said to me next morning 'Did you read in the paper this morning about Woolley's innings? I wish I could have seen it.' 'Me too', I replied, keeping up the fiction, 'He must be a great left-hander, but I bet he's not as hood as Warren.' Old Bill looked at me with a twinkle in his eye, then ruffled my hair as he said, 'Brown, you'd make a very good diplomat.'

The final part of this article will appear in next month's Bulletin.

COMBINED BRIDGE ACTION GROUP

The Combined Bridge Action Group is a group of concerned citizens from both sides of the Harbour who are uniting to protest against the proposal to build a second Harbour crossing linking Balmain and Greenwich.

To raise funds for this worthy cause and to generate publicity they are holding a special Combined Bridge Action Dinner at the Wentworth Hotel in late June. The cost of a ticket will be \$50, of which \$22 goes to the Wentworth and \$28 to the Action Group.

It has been suggested that the Glebe Society could make up a table of 10 or more. Anyone who is sick of expressways and tired of dining at Berowra Waters every weekend please contact Maureen Colman on 660 2302.

For further information about the activities of the Combined Bridge Action Group ring the President, Bruce Allen, on 827 3959.

FAMILY COVERED IN RUBBLE

Yes, from June onwards for about 3 months the Gidney family will be covered in brick dust, rubble and disaster if they can't get alternative accommodation.

Anyone who has, or who knows of a house or space (cubby houses or tents not acceptable) that will be empty or need looking after while the Gidney's house is being torn apart and put back together again, please get in touch with the Gidneys on 660 5093.

They will look after house, pets, gardens, anything - and you could actually get them to pay you as well!

Ring now before the phone gets buried 660 5093.

FOR SALE

Large Federation triple sash window with small panes of coloured glass in good condition. When the living room wall is demolished - you can then have this beautiful window for \$100 - a steal! Phone 660 5093 for more information.

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For your diary

Monday, 24th May

Meeting of the Monday Group. Plans are still indefinite, so ring Vi Hicks for details. 660-3694

Friday, 28th May, evening

Wine-tasting. Rhinecastle wines will be available for tasting and proprietor Johnny Walker will be in attendance to talk about the wines. Wines available will include Redman, Chateau Tabbilk and Coonawarra. The venue is yet to be decided, but will be announced in the next Bulletin. For details ring Doris Sharpe on 660-6636.

Coffee morning

Please note that since the second Sunday of the month will be Mother's Day, and most members will be busy, there will be no Coffee Morning this month. In June Coffee Morning will be on the 13th, and will be at the home of Rita Ramsden, 171 Arundel St, Forest Lodge.

NEW MEMBERS

B.M. Marsh
Mrs G. Reid
Mr and Mrs G. Bradbury
Michael Horsburgh
Josephine Key
Valerie Morris
A & M Shboul

THANKS

Many thanks to Rita Ramsden who has taken over as convener of Coffee Mornings, and to Nan Waterford who is retiring from this position, and whose work as convener has been much appreciated.