



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL SOCIETY MEMBERS

DECEMBER

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

POWER STATION

Filters are currently being fitted on two of the boilers (generators) at Pymont Power Station. The job is a lengthy one, but officials say that Numbers One and Two boilers should have their filters fitted by March, 1983.

No filters are being fitted to Numbers Three and Four boilers, because there is doubt that they will ever be used again. This is good news for residents in Glebe.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The new leaflet was distributed last month to residents of Glebe. Approximately 50 new memberships have resulted from the drive. There should also be some new members joining after the Glebe Community Fair, as the Society's stall was quite busy with interested inquiries.

GLEBE COMMUNITY FAIR

The Fair was held in Foley Park, Glebe, on 13 November. The Glebe Society maintained a stall there for the duration of the Fair. The leaflet for new members was available to interested people as were copies of the most recent Bulletin. The Society also sold books and talked to residents about the Society and its aims. The plan for the Bicentennial Park was also displayed, and caused a lot of interest. Many thanks to all who worked on the stall.

TRAFFIC

There have been attempts to make some Glebe streets one-way to facilitate traffic flow. The Society is concerned that this will increase traffic flow too much and make the streets dangerous for people, especially children, to cross. Most narrow Glebe streets are unsuitable for fast-moving traffic, and any attempts to change narrow lanes and streets to one-way flow would not be favoured by the Management Committee. The Committee will send a letter to Council on this matter.





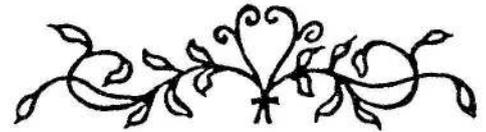
BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Now that the Blackwattle Bay Park is to be handed over to Council for future maintenance, the question of lighting for the Park has arisen. Lighting for public places is leased from the Sydney County Council, so installations are dependent on what they have available and the cost.

Low lighting of the bollard type is probably too expensive, and is too easily vandalised. Too much pole lighting would stop the soft reflections in the water, which is one of the most attractive features of the park at night. Now that Venetia is to be restored, there is a need for more attractive lighting around that. The Parks Committee favour seven-metre pole lighting for the Park as trees would eventually grow up and the lights would merge with the trees, resulting in soft lighting. The Committee will advise Council of the Society's suggestions.

AIRCRAFT NOISE

There is now a telephone number to ring if you are ever bothered by excessive aircraft noise at home. Ring 211 4570 if you are annoyed and register your complaint.

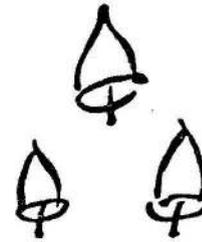
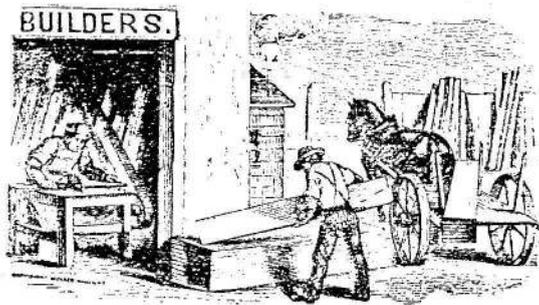


HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE

Jo Bastian reported on the proposal to replace the present Glebe Island Bridge with a high level bridge. This Bridge, if built, would link up the ridge of Pymont with the ridge of Rozelle. This proposal may have some benefits for residents of Glebe, Annandale and Pymont/Ultimo. The bridge would divert traffic away from these areas which would allow the development of quieter residential areas. The proposal might also deter the DMR from widening Bridge Road and St John's Road, Glebe, as traffic would be diverted away from these streets with the completion of the North West Freeway link with Victoria Road.

Concern has also been voiced over possible increases in water traffic in both Rozelle Bay and Blackwattle Bay. However, Blackwattle Bay is too small and confined for really large shipping. There may be a greater use of the Bay however by barges and small recreational craft.





CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 12.30 - 3.00 pm

There were some mistakes and omissions in the notice for the Christmas Party at Tony and Hilary Larkum's. Firstly, there should have been TWO persons to contact for payment and tickets. You can ring either Rita Ramsden on 660 7860 OR Betty Wright on 660 1875. The R.S.V.P. date for tickets should have been November 29, so there is still time to get tickets. Pensioners also can attend at half price, so that would cost them \$6.00 per person. Also, the function will aid the Sydney Youth Chamber Orchestra. The Orchestra hopes to tour overseas next year, so they are in need of financial assistance. Apologies for these errors and omissions. Please come along if you can. It should be a pleasant afternoon and lunch, and a chance to meet other members and join in the Christmas cheer.

VENETIA

Venetia overlooks Blackwattle Bay at Glebe Point. The house, which was designed by Sydney architect Ambrose Thornley, Junior, is now almost ninety years old. It was built in 1892 for a wealthy Sydney businessman. Originally called 'Bellevue', it has been known as Venetia for many years. The original Venetia was another old Glebe house which has long since been demolished. The Venetia we know is a significant building, and is now the only one of its kind in the area. Conceived in the round, it also has some very fine relief plaster work. Until recently, the house has been in very bad repair.

The Council now have control of Venetia and plan to restore it. They have allocated \$19,000 for works. The Heritage Commission will match this allocation dollar for dollar, which means there is now \$38,000 to spend. Stage 1, which entails making the house waterproof and minor renovations including the verandah, should be under way by the end of this year or early next year.

It is important to establish what use will be made of Venetia in future. The upper rooms may be available for some community use. Suggestions will be made to Council from the Society, so if you have any ideas on possible uses for Venetia, write to the Glebe Society at P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037.



For your diary



26 NOVEMBER 1982 - 28 JANUARY 1983

TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE BOOK FAIR

(Weekdays 10 am - 5.30 pm)

(Weekends 12 noon - 5 pm Nov & Dec only)

A wide range of publications on the environment and on conservation issues, ranging from flora, fauna and rain-forests to urban planning and environmental law will be on sale. Posters and children's books will also be sold. The Centre is a voluntary organisation and the Annual Book Fair is its major fund-raising activity of the year.

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 12.30-3.00 p.m.

Christmas Party at Tony and Hilary Larkum's, 17 Alexandra Road, Glebe. Lunch of chicken and salad will be \$12.00 per person. This price includes one glass of wine. Drinks will be available.

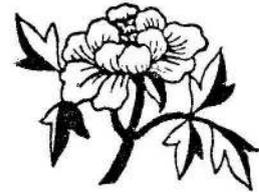
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Pre-Christmas drink with Betty Wright, 120 Bridge Road, Glebe. This will be the Society's last event of the year, so please come along if you can and enjoy some Christmas cheer with new members and old friends. Wine and coffee, \$1.00.



NEW MEMBERS

The contact person for new members is Gladys Reid. She represents new members on the Management Committee, so she is anxious to meet as many as possible. Anyone who is new to the Society should phone Gladys on 6920204 to find out more about the Society and its activities. Alternatively, come along to one of the Society's get-togethers,



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