



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

Box 100, Glebe 2037

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



COUNCIL AMALGAMATIONS

The Minister for Local Government has asked the Boundaries Commission, chaired by Ms K Anderson, MLC, to make a preliminary report on the possibilities of Council amalgamations. The Glebe Society has written to the Commission expressing the views of the Society regarding amalgamations, which are as follows:

- 1) The Glebe Society opposes amalgamation in general on the grounds that smaller councils give greater opportunity for participation and involvement by the community.
- 2) The Society objects to the indecent haste and the bypassing of the formal procedures of a public enquiry. Also the fact that moves for amalgamation were made at the start of the holiday period made it difficult to arrange replies and submissions by the closing date of 28 February, 1983.

3) The Society commends the performance of Leichhardt Council during 1970-74 and since 1980, when open council meetings and open representation on committees were introduced. Council had also advised local resident groups of forthcoming events very willingly. The Society would like this co-operation to continue.

4) However, if Marrickville and Leichhardt Councils are amalgamated, in spite of these protests, then the Glebe Society believes that both historically and geographically Glebe's continuity of interests lies with the Sydney City Council rather than a Council further west.

Copies of the letter were sent to the Leichhardt Council, to State and Federal local members of Parliament, to the appropriate ministers and to the Premier.

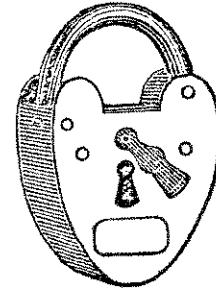


Lisa Roper from TEHELP and the proposed new scheme INTOSKILL addressed the Society's last committee meeting. Lisa explained the workings of INTO-SKILL and asked for the Society's support in getting the scheme underway. The scheme is outlined below.



Give the chance to an apprentice who would otherwise be unemployed. Help create jobs yourself by using the services of INTOSKILL.

Contact INTOSKILL at 81 Mitchell Street, Glebe or ring 692 0911.



INTOSKILL - A COMMUNITY JOB CREATING SCHEME

INTOSKILL is a scheme whereby young apprentices are able to complete their training by being employed to do home repairs and modifications under licensed tradesmen. If these apprentices were not able to do this work, they would not gain the valuable work experience they need to complete their courses to become the tradesmen of tomorrow. INTOSKILL was formed to give dignity to the young and service that is guaranteed to the community.

If you need to have electrical repairs done or your bathroom renovated, why not give the work to these keen apprentices? You will then be helping a student complete his course, and you will be getting work that is guaranteed by the scheme. Licensed builders oversee the work, so you will be getting value for your money. With sufficient community support, INTO-SKILL can be a positive and viable operation.

VENETIA

Work has started on Venetia's restoration. New copper guttering has been installed and the weather-proofing has been commenced. Stage 2 will include the installation of new interior joinery, and repair to external windows and doors. The upper and lower floors will be renovated and converted, and room will be made to accommodate a caretaker. When work has progressed sufficiently, the Society will make representations to the Council on the future use of Venetia.





HAROLD PARK

Leichhardt Council has announced that it will adopt the Society's recommendation to use trees and shrubs to screen light and noise from Harold Park. Chain wire fences were installed last year and were found to increase noise and light nuisance to residents nearby. We applaud the Council's decision.

BITUMEN PLANT

Leichhardt Council has refused to allow the development of an asphalt storage and mixing plant on Lot 1, Bridge Road, Glebe, near Wattle Street on the foreshore of Blackwattle Bay. This is a welcome decision by Council. Glebe is already overburdened by pollution from through traffic and industry. The proposed plant would have caused hardship to students at the Glebe High School and to residents, would have increased the number of trucks already using Bridge Road and would have made the new Blackwattle Bay Park less pleasant and clean.



RESIGNATION

The Society regretfully announces the resignation of Josephine Bastian from the Management Committee. Jo is to travel overseas, so we wish her well. Thanks to Jo for all her work and contribution to the Society in the past.

by Max Solling

OBITUARY

The death occurred on 21 November, 1982, of Mrs Marie Webb after a long illness. A science graduate from Sydney University, she taught mathematics and chemistry at High Schools for about 35 years. She also worked in the Botany Department at her old University. Marie moved to 30 Talfourd Street, Glebe, in 1969 and joined the Glebe Society at its inception.

As convenor of the Parks and Gardens group, she was instrumental in arranging the Society's first garden competition and flower show on 17 October, 1970. It was a great success. Five more garden and flower competitions were held, (the last one in October 1974) and the large number of entries in the nine garden categories was a tribute to Marie's capable organisation and untiring efforts. At her instigation, botanist Tony Rodd undertook a comprehensive survey of trees in Glebe in 1970. The Parks and Gardens group made recommendations to Leichhardt Council on tree plantings for Glebe streets and parks as a result. 1973 was a very active year for Marie when she organised a tree walk, garden competition, flower show and garden inspection while being a member of Council's tree planting committee.

Local gardens to attract special mention from Horticultural Society judge, Mr P. Conley, were at 6 Leichhardt Street (Mr Vincent Sheppard), 21 Ferry Road (Anna Forknall), 5 Forsyth Lane (Douglas White) and 36 Hereford Street (Sister Faith). There were many entries from St John's Village in the feature gardens section.

A warm and enthusiastic personality, Marie Webb will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her two sons, Geoffrey and John.



For your diary

WHAT'S ON IN GLEBE THIS MONTH AND NEXT

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 1983, 5.30 - 7 PM

Poolside drinks at the home of Bara Marsh, 3 Victoria Street, Glebe. This gathering was originally planned for Monday, 14 February, 1983, but it has had to be postponed because of the Bulletin's holiday over the Christmas/New Year period. The poolside drinks will commence the 'Happy Hours' which were such a success last year. All members are welcome, especially new members, so please come along. Wine and coffee will be served. Small donation.

MONDAY 14 MARCH, 1983, 5.30 - 7 PM

'Happy Hour' at the home of Margaret Pile, 9A Gottenham Street, Glebe. All members welcome, so come along and meet other members, new and old, over wine and coffee. Small donation to the Society to cover costs.

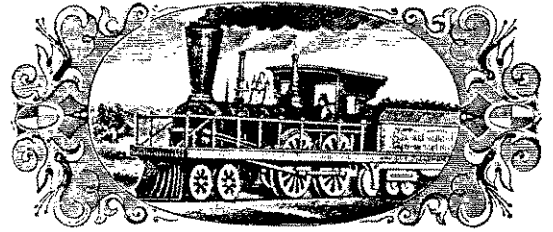
MONDAY GROUP

MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 1983

The Monday Group will visit Mary Wargenau at Little Bay for lunch - please bring a plate. Catch the 10.42 bus in Glebe Point Road.

Older 'stay-at-home' members of the Glebe Society are cordially invited to join this Group which meets on the third Monday of each month for an outing or tea-party.

Details for the meeting in March had not been finalised by the time this issue went to press. However, there will be a Monday Group meeting on MONDAY 21 MARCH. Mrs Sally Nelson is now the co-ordinator of the Group's activities, so please ring her on 660 0038 for details of the Group activities in March and later on this year.



The Great Steam Train Trips will be on again in May 1983. On SATURDAY 14 MAY, there will be two trips, one at 9 AM, one at 11 AM, leaving from Redfern and returning to Redfern via the Glebe track. These trips have been a great success in the past, so don't miss this chance to get a unique view of Glebe from the railway.

The train will also take a long ride out to Campbelltown in the afternoon to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Campbelltown Railway.

Fares and the booking form have not yet been finalised. There will be a form in the next Bulletin for booking the trip, and further details about fares, arrivals and departures will be available. Young and old will enjoy the ride, so tell all your friends and make the day a successful one.

