

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY

MITCHELL STREET CLOSURE

Approval has been given by the Transport Authority for this closure. Landscaping is being undertaken. More information later.

LANDSCAPING - CORNER OF ST. JOHN'S

ROAD AND WENTWORTH PARK

The Secretary will send a letter to Council, congratulating them on their landscaping.

VENETIA

Bob Armstrong is exploring with the Council means by which the Society can have access to Venetia, or even operate it to the benefit of all Glebe residents.

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS

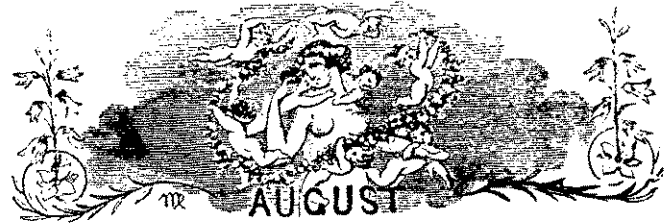
The Glebe Society has available some delightful correspondence cards designed by one of our newer members, Elisabeth Eldershaw. These tell the story of some aspects of terrace life in Glebe and are available in packets of 10 for \$5.00.

The cards have been left blank so that they may be used for personal notes, birthdays or as Christmas cards and it is expected that they will be very popular.

Cards will be on sale at the Annual General Meeting and at most other Glebe Society functions.

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Secretary will write to Council about the absence of public toilets in all park areas in the Glebe Point area, especially where there are barbecue facilities.



CLEANLINESS OF GLEBE

Glebe is getting grottier every day and the whole area is suffering from the litter in the streets and gardens. The Committee discussed a campaign to convince all residents that a change is needed. We could also encourage business people to join the Society and/or to form a Business Association to work towards more pleasant surroundings and therefore increased trade.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30PM, 10TH AUGUST

Don't forget to come to the AGM, at the SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS, Glebe Point Road, opposite the Max Factor factory.

Full details of the AGM were in last month's Bulletin.

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK - OFFICIAL OPENING

11AM, SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST

This newly landscaped park, at the bottom of Leichhardt Street, will be opened by the Mayor of Leichhardt, Evan Jones. Do please come and show your appreciation to all concerned.

The formal opening will be followed by the Glebe Society's own celebration - a Barbeque at 12.30 with a Folk Singer to entertain us.

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK

LET'S ALL RESTORE GLEBE!

ELISABETH ELDESHAW

"All the original features" my daughter was assured when viewing this partly restored terrace house. She didn't question that. She bought it because she appreciated its particular character and could see its potential.

Years later we happened to meet the former owners and learned that none of the 'original features' remained; that it had sunk to a sleazy set of four 'flatettes' and had survived a fire. It was rescued from a state of squalor proved by a photograph showing the front practically enclosed by a patchwork of fibro, louvres and odd windowpanes, half-hidden by a tangle of creeper sprawling over the peeling paintwork.

I would never have believed it was the same house! It made me realise that none of these lovely old buildings are past praying for, AND jolted me out of passive Membership of the Glebe Society, to a desire to be involved in trying to assist people to restore old houses - with today's comforts - in traditional character - and at the same time to upgrade the image of the Glebe way of life.

For instance, I do feel that we could help each other with information about reliable people to do things - carpenters, painters and so on could tell of things that have been successful - and give Awful Warnings.

When places are being demolished or renovated, it would be good to make sure that any things that are not needed should go to places where they would enhance the neighbourhood - certainly not be allowed to leave Glebe where they belong.

And Garage Sales! I have been to lovely ones in America where this delightful habit originated - fun for the vendors, and fun for the buyers - each knowing they were involved in redistribution of desirable merchandise.

Worthwhile exhibitions, etc., could be publicised - if they met standards of the Society. Good shops could be Commended!

Also - I would love to make some contribution towards solidarity in upgrading our immediate surroundings... We can at least remove litter outside our houses.

How to do this - I wouldn't know. I just think of what a miserable blot on the landscape this house used to be - and remember that to get anything done, one must at least have the vision to start somewhere.



INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Let's see if Elisabeth's idea works. If you have any useful information, please let us know. But to save the Society and your Editor from legal action, we will print, for example:

John Smith (660-...) knows a good carpenter.

Here are a few ideas to start with:

CARS ABANDONED IN THE STREET

Ring Leichhardt Council (560-4100) and ask The Engineers' Department to remove them.

GARDEN FERTILIZER

Trotting stables scattered around Glebe have horse manure to get rid of. Take strong garbage bags for a free supply.

One stable is between Bridge Road, Ross Street and Jarocin Avenue; access via the laneway from Bridge Road (try Sunday morning).

Another is on the corner of Derwent and Catherine Streets - it has a large sign outside.

FOCUS ON GLEBE

CONGRATULATIONS to Toni and Esther of TONI'S DELICATESSEN, 379 Glebe Point Road, for the very nice compliment in a recent issue of The National Times which described Toni's Delicatessen as "one of the best in the country".

We are very fortunate in Glebe to have such a high standard of shops with friendly and helpful shopkeepers, giving us good old fashioned service.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Fifty-five people celebrated the Society's 14th Birthday Party on 23 July. It was an excellent evening.

The next meeting of the Glebe Restaurant Club will be at Pasquale's, in the Australian Youth Hotel, behind Grace Bros. in Bay Street, on Tuesday 30th August. PLEASE RING RITA FOR BOOKINGS BY SUNDAY 28th. She can't afford the time or the money to ring you all up! (660-7860 - Home; 665-1357 - Work).

GLEBE WALK AND TALK - MAX SOLLING

STYLE - SATURDAY 16TH JULY 1983 -

ALAN HUNT

After meeting Max Solling in the library of Tooth's, Kent Brewery (my home ground) where Max was researching into some of the 28 hotels that once operated in The Glebe, my curiosity was aroused enough to join the 50 members of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society, plus some members of the Annandale Society and Glebe Society, on their tour of Glebe.

Max started proceedings in the Record Reign Hall by giving a brief outline of The Glebe Estate. The visitors then set off down Derwent and Mitchell Streets stopping briefly at each point of interest with Max keeping up a running commentary. An unexpected offer to view the interior of a terrace house in Mitchell Street was said by many to be a highlight of the morning.

At Wentworth Park the bus collected the group and whisked them to Blackwattle Bay Park at the foot of Leichhardt Street (surely one of Glebe's best kept secrets). Picnic lunches were soon spread on the lawn. Brilliant sunshine helped to enhance the views over the bay.

After lunch the group inspected No. 6 Leichhardt Street. "Margaretta Cottage" the home of Dr. Vincent Sheppard who delighted all with an impromptu recital on a 17th century Dutch organ, complete with a violin accompaniment.

The next stop was the Record Reign Hall for an illustrated talk on the history of Glebe and its people. An inspection of

St. John's Church and St. Barnabas Church followed. By now the time for the group to return home had arrived, but to cries of more from the bus it was decided to return to Glebe Point via St. Scholastica's Convent with a quick stop at the Joss House.

The President of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society, Mr. Harold Ivers, brought the tour to a close by thanking Max Solling for his informative talks and giving the Glebe Society a cheque from his Society as a donation. Max was given a souvenir letter opener as a token of appreciation. Mr. Harold Ivers expressed the wish that his Society could reciprocate the hospitality shown by members of The Glebe Society at some stage.

Perhaps Max Solling could be persuaded to repeat his slide presentation for fellow members of the Society who have not had an opportunity to see them.

THE MONDAY GROUP

There was a good turnout at the July meeting when the group was happy to welcome a new member, Sue Stainer.

Two cushions and two knee-rugs in crochet-work were sent to the Benevolent Society.

Plans for future outings were discussed, including visits to the Mike Walsh Show, the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Sydney University. There will be further details in due course.

The aim of the Monday Group is simple; to enjoy good fellowship in our community. So do join us if you feel inclined:

NEXT MEETING: 15th August

A visit to Mary Wargenau at the Retirement Village, Little Bay.

Catch the 10.22 No. 431 bus from Glebe Point Road and bring a small contribution of food for lunch.

For further information, ring Sally Nelson, 660-0038.

AZALEA FAIR - OPEN ALL DAY -

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST -

HEREFORD HOUSE, 55 HEREFORD STREET,

GLEBE

Azalea plants for sale, also souvenir postcards, arts and crafts, books, records, tapes, second-hand clothing and antique and second-hand household items.

Refreshments available. No Entrance Fee.

The Railways Institute Band will make guest appearances.

All proceeds in support of The New South Wales College of Nursing, HISTORIC HEREFORD HOUSE RESTORATION APPEAL.

SAVE THE SYDNEY HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

This Hospital, in Glebe Point Road, plays a very necessary role in our community, serving as it does many elderly people, low income earners and pensioners by providing essential nursing care for those who have no family to care for them.

We understand that the Hospital's existence is threatened by the Department of Health's rationalisation plans.

For further information, contact the Executive Officer, Lay Board, Save the Homeopathic Hospital Campaign, 660-7057.



TRANSPORT - Any problems? Then ring Betty Wright on 660-1875

TYPIST URGENTLY NEEDED

Your Editor needs help with the Bulletin typing - preferably by someone with an IBM Golf-Ball. Please 'phone 660-7066 (H), or 929-9848 (W).

FOR YOUR DIARY

(Full details elsewhere in this Bulletin)

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST - 11AM

Official opening of Blackwattle Bay Park, followed by a Glebe Society Barbecue.

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST - 7.30PM

Annual General Meeting.

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

Monday Group Meeting - Little Bay.

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Closing date for September Bulletin material. (224 Bridge Road, near Ross St.)

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

Leichhardt Council Electoral Rolls close. See local newspaper for details.

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

Azalea Fair, 55 Hereford Street.

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST

Restaurant Club - Pasquale's. Book by 28th

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