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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - FEBRUARY

Changes to the Committee: Judy Casimir has been co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

Michael Lindley and Andrew Wood are interested in monitoring activities at Wentworth Park.

Michael's wife, Toni, has offered to be the Society's librarian.

Harold Park Sign: The Society has received a letter from Leichhardt Council, informing us that hearings regarding a proposed large neon sign at Harold Park have been set down for 5th, 6th and 9th April. It was our understanding that this case had been dismissed due to lack of representatives from the Trotting Club and Adam Neon. (See page 2 and December Bulletin).

The Harold Park sub-Committee has been informed and will no doubt do its best to represent the interests of residents.

Glebe Neighbourhood Centre: Betty Wright and Judy Casimir offered to attend the Centre's A.G.M. on behalf of the Society.

The Society's Archives: Neil Macindoe has established the whereabouts of most of our archival material. Toni Lindley will advise the Committee on the best way to organise these documents.

Freedom of Information Bill: We are writing to obtain a copy of the proposed Freedom of Information Bill to check the extent to which it will help or hinder us when we need information to prepare submissions on matters of local importance.

House Inspection: We intend to hold a House Inspection towards the end of the year. Details later.



FREEWAYS - Neil Macindoe

You will perhaps not be surprised to learn that no further information about the re-elected State Government's proposed Darling Harbour - White Bay elevated freeway has been forthcoming.

Most of us have become hardened to the revival of freeway proposals at election time, but we cannot afford to ignore them: one day they may materialize.

A proposal that included a high-level bridge to replace Glebe Island Bridge would have very grave consequences for Glebe. To justify the enormous expense, huge container terminals would be built on Glebe's waterfront, and passage of large lorries would increase correspondingly, using streets at present little affected. The proposed park on Rozelle Bay would be lost forever.

If, however, a freeway is devised which would divert traffic from residential streets, would not increase congestion in the inner city, involve the demolition of sound or historic housing, further split up communities or result in an unacceptable level of noise or visual pollution, the Glebe Society would support it. Members are encouraged to examine the details of freeway proposals when they are published to see if they meet these criteria.

THE HAROLD PARK SIGN (continued)

A meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st March at the Leichhardt Administrative Chambers to discuss the proposed sign prior to the hearing in April.

At the meeting were three Aldermen from Annandale and the Glebe, the areas affected by the sign, the Town Planning Officer for Leichhardt, a consultant to Harold Park, and about 20 residents of Annandale and the Glebe. After much discussion, the Leichhardt Council suggested that a compromise proposal which lowers the sign, be accepted. However, local residents favoured other schemes which would improve amenities for patrons at Harold Park and not intrude on the surrounding area.

The hearing on 5th - 9th April will take place as planned.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - Neil Macindoe

I have attended the last two meetings of Leichhardt Municipality Bicentennial Committee, together with representatives from our sister organisations within the municipality. It has been a good opportunity to meet these and other interested folk and listen to their views.

The Glebe-Annandale Bicentennial Park remains the most important project, especially now the State Government has bought the ANL terminal at Mort's Bay. The Committee is in the process of assessing and costing various projects, and I would be happy to hear of any further proposal from members of the Society or any other residents of Glebe.

The next meeting of the Committee will be advertised by the Secretary, Sarah Sheehan, after the Council elections. Meetings are held on Thursday nights at Leichhardt Town Hall.

FLORAL FENCING:

Some Council gardeners (most notably in Foley Park) have planted jasmine vines against the wire mesh fencing. Most of us would agree that jasmine looks and smells a good deal more attractive than wire, so do what you can to protect and encourage these plants (and the gardeners) please.



BIRDS IN JUBILEE PARK - Bara Marsh

After the article on birds in this area appeared in the Bulletin last year, many people rang me. Most bewailed the fact that Fairy Wrens have vanished from the Glebe Area. I am therefore delighted to report that two immature Blue Wrens spent quite a while in my garden in the middle of February. It is to be hoped that they were "casing the joint" for a desirable residence when they mate next Spring. Several people from Annandale told me that they see them in their gardens, so they have not too far to emigrate. For those who wish to encourage them, they like a thick thorny bush safe from cats preferably with yellow flowers nearby. They also like a large pile of dead branches - such as a dry bonfire - into which they can vanish at any sign of danger from larger birds.

Other interesting birds seen lately were a pair of red backed parrots in a tree in Victoria Street late in January; the Spangled Drongos came down from Queensland during the Summer and raised two young in the park; and one morning in March a sacred Kingfisher sat like a cluster of jewels on my neighbour's electricity line. Due to a plague of small brown moths recently we have had much attention - and music - from the tuneful Willie Wagtails, also known as Australian Nightingales because they often sing after dark.

ST PATRICK'S DAY SING-A-LONG

The evening started at 7.30 with 22 people being given green ribbons and ended at midnight with 'Land of Hope and Glory!' In between was a feast of good food and music.

We were particularly pleased that Lee Webster, a new member, came along. She has an encyclopedic knowledge of film music.

Some of you may have heard Lee playing the piano at the Crepe Connection on Glebe Point Road.

Heritage Week

Events of local interest during Heritage Week include:

Sunday, 8th April - Harbour Cruise (see ad.)

Saturday, 14 April - Open Day at Balmain's Watch House. The Balmain Association is opening the Watch House to visitors from 11.30-4.30, with guided tours, Devonshire Teas and Wine and Cheese.

A special attraction is a collection of old paintings, including one of a steam driven timber mill, in Balmain and old photographs, some of which you might be able to identify - no one else has so far.

Sunday, 15 April - Stanmore Society's House Inspection. This year most of the houses will be on the Annandale Estate Subdivision and there will be seven buildings open, including one large house classified by the National Trust. There will be two sessions, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is by purchased programme, costing \$3 per person, and should be purchased in advance by writing to the Society at P.O. Box 19, STANMORE, 2048, or by telephoning Libby Fray, 560 4454, or Barbara Little, 516 5683.

Monday, 16 April - Visit to Lyndhurst. Peter Watts, Director, Historic Houses Trust of N.S.W. has invited members of the Glebe Society to a Cocktail Hour on Monday, 16th April at 6 p.m.

The Society helped in the campaign to save Lyndhurst and the Trust would like both to express their thanks and celebrate Heritage Week.

Don't miss this opportunity to see Lyndhurst at the half-way stages of its restoration.

GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, 28 APRIL

As promised, we are holding a Garage Sale at THE RECORD REIGN HALL, CORNER ST JOHN'S ROAD AND DERWENT STREET. You will have plenty of time over Easter to dig out all those old books, clothes, plants, household items and anything else that would like a new home. Bring them along to the Hall from 8.30 a.m. on the Saturday morning. The sale will start at 9.30 a.m. and all proceeds will go to the Society, to help us fight for local issues.

If you need transport for goods ring Edwina Doe, 929 9848 (W) or 660 7066 (H).

MONDAY GROUP

The April meeting on Monday 16th will be at the home of Marian Harris, 280 Glebe Point Road at 2.30 p.m. Please bring a "Plate".

On Monday 21st May we will be visiting the Powerhouse Museum. Ring Sally Nelson, 660 0038 for details.

The Group held a morning tea party on 1st March at the Cafe de Jour to farewell Pat Moore and to give her a parting gift. Pat and her husband, Walter, have retired and are going to live in Bloomington, Indiana, USA. They will be greatly missed by their many friends in The Glebe.

HAPPY HOUR AMONG THE POTS -

SATURDAY, 12TH MAY, 12 NOON

The Collective of Potters, who run the Pottery Shop on the corner of St John's Road and Darghan Street, have offered the use of their premises for our May Happy Hour. You'll be intrigued by the variety of pots, platters and decorative pieces on display.

LOST AND FOUND

Judy Casimir's garden gnome has gone walkabout. If he turns up in your street, do let her know - he's not very good at looking after himself. (Tel. Judy on 6929705).

Alan Hunt still has a man's folding umbrella, left behind at St. Scholastica's in December.



HARBOUR CRUISE
beginning Heritage Week April 8th



Sydney Harbour & Foreshore Committee

Australian Conservation Foundation

Cruise down Sydney Harbour to the Heads
Up Middle Harbour to beautiful Bantry Bay
Lunch at Garden Island - bring your own
Cruise up the Parramatta River
Discover the heritage value of the harbour
Commentary by resident conservation experts ..

Board "MV Royale" at No 8 Circular Quay

• BRING YOUR LUNCH
• SUNDAY APRIL 8th
• DEPARTS 9:15 am
• RETURNS 4:30 pm
• \$11 ADULT

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LECTURES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ATTEND:

Adaptation of Historic Buildings to New Uses - Seminar, 7th and 8th April - Windsor Community and Cultural Centre, Windsor. Alan Hunt has details of the full and interesting programme or ring Hawkesbury Shire Council (045-77-4255) for information.

Flora of the Sydney Basin - Series of lectures the second Monday of each month at 149 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, organised by the National Parks Association of N.S.W. Ring Mr Paul Howard, 638 2018 for information.

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

Hereford House is celebrating its opening with an Art Show and Annual Fete on Saturday, 31st March, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Both at 53 Hereford Street, Glebe.

Another GREAT TRAIN RIDE in May. Details next month.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Bi-centennial Park -
John Buckingham, 660 7780

Blackwattle Bay Park -
Bob Armstrong, 660 4189

Harold & Wentworth Parks -
Gideon Rutherford, 692 0239

Jubilee Park -
Tony Larkum, 660 7030

History Group -
Alan Hunt, 660 2407

Planning -
Alan Robertson, 660 6149

The Committee is anxious to form groups to cover other interest areas. If you are willing to help form a sub-committee on any matter concerning The Glebe contact Neil Macindoe (660 0208).

FOR YOUR DIARY:

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin.

SUNDAY, 8TH APRIL - Harbour Cruise.

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL - Open Day, Balmain Watch House.

SUNDAY, 15th APRIL - Stanmore Society House Inspection.

SUNDAY, 15th APRIL - Closing date for May Bulletin.

MONDAY, 16th APRIL - 2.30 p.m. Monday Group - 280 Glebe Point Rd.

MONDAY, 16th APRIL, 6 p.m. Cocktail Hour, Lyndhurst.

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL - 9.30 a.m. Garage Sale, Record Reign Hall.

SATURDAY, 12th MAY, 12 noon Happy Hour, Pottery Shop.

MONDAY 21st MAY - Visit to the Powerhouse Museum.

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