



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Social Secretary: Judy Casimir has been appointed as Social Secretary, to co-ordinate arrangements for Happy Hours and other social gatherings. This does not mean that Judy will do all the work, but she is the person to contact if, for example, you want to know where to find the glasses and teapots (692-9705).

Sub-committees for areas of special interest: The list of contact people for Sub-committees is now being published in the Bulletin. In addition, members of the Management Committee have been nominated to liaise with the contact people, and to report to Committee meetings on their behalf. These measures should considerably increase the Society's effectiveness when dealing with local issues.

Gladys Reid has formally resigned from the Committee due to ill-health. We all wish her well.

Wentworth Park: The President has written to the Minister for Sport & Recreation, supporting the proposal to appoint an Administrator to sort out the affairs of the N.C.A.

He also wrote a letter to the Sydney Morning Herald (so far unpublished) expressing the opinion of the Society that the public would be better served if the State Government took over responsibility for both the racecourse and Wentworth Park itself, with the aim of returning both to more genuinely public recreational use.

Visitors' Book for Lyndhurst: The Society will provide a handsome leather-bound Visitors' Book, suitably inscribed, as a 'house-warming' present for Lyndhurst.



Lyndhurst Estate Houses: The Housing Commission has received approval from the Leichhardt Council for the buildings to be erected on the Lyndhurst Estate. The development meets the old town plan, but not the new town plan, in terms of density, height, parking and open spaces.

Glebe Neighbourhood Centre: The Society is joining the Centre as a corporate member.

Bicentennial Park: Telegrams have been sent, on behalf of the Society, to the Premier, the Member for Elizabeth and the Ministers for Parks and Environment regarding the Rozelle Bay Bicentennial Park. The plans for this Park will have to be approved by State Cabinet. The previous Minister for Parks, Jack Ferguson, gave his support to the scheme. We are now seeking the support of Laurie Brereton, the new Minister, and will be sending him details of the proposal.

The Society looks forward to co-operating with the new Leichhardt Council and the new Sydney City Council on plans for the Bicentennial Park.

Great Train Ride: Discussions are in hand regarding another Great Train Ride. However, it won't be in May, as announced last month.

## ANOTHER RISK OF FIRE

The accumulation of rubbish, especially in and around development sites, is both a health and fire hazard.

On 5th April a fire damaged the rear section of 45 Hereford Street, a house that will be preserved and restored as part of a town house development. Rubbish had been allowed to accumulate in and around both this house and No. 47, also to be restored and preserved. The new owner is now acting to clear up the site.

The Society is grateful to Ivy Conning for reporting on the condition of these houses and the activities of the workmen.

Members living near development sites or vacant houses are asked to keep a close watch on them, and report the dumping of rubbish and removal of building materials, or other nefarious activities, to Leichhardt Council or a member of the Committee.

The Society is concerned that the owners of the Abbey Restaurant have allowed Reussdale to deteriorate further, and will pursue this matter with the appropriate authorities.

The Society's policy is that development sites should be properly secured and fenced. This reduces the risk of vandalism and unsupervised access by children.

## ***Glebe is a great place to live - let's keep Glebe clean!***

Leichhardt Council provides a FREE

- \* Household clean-up service - for details ring Council.
- \* Weekend tipping service for Glebe residents' convenience - the tip is located at Moore Street, Annandale, close to Catherine Street and is open on weekends.
- \* Removal of abandoned cars and rubbish from streets and reserves is only a phone call away - contact your Aldermen.

Leichhardt Council ..... 560 4100

Aldermen - Glebe Ward

Ivor Cawley (messages) ..... 560 4100  
Brian Thompson ..... 660 1226

## HAROLD PARK SIGN

The hearing set down for 5th-9th April did not take place. Shortly before, Leichhardt Council agreed to consider an amended application, in which the sign is lowered to the fascia of the grandstand. Research by Society members indicates that a sign of this size is certain to interfere with television reception, and, of course, all the objections of residents West of The Crescent and worries about the problems of increased use of Harold Park are still valid.

Consequently the Society lodged an objection covering all these matters. The quality of the amended proposal is unusually poor, and many details are omitted. We await further developments.

Gideon Rutherford has also been following up reports that Harold Park is to spend \$5m. on improvements of various kinds. The Committee considers that space at Harold Park is already grossly inadequate, and that if any expansion is intended, a more suitable site should be found.

## THINGS WEREN'T LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS A GIRL ...

and more's the pity. About 50 people, from grandparents to babies in strollers, visited Glebe High School on 29th February.

As the Headmaster, Iian Porteous, led us through the maze of interlocking buildings, many of us were thinking back to our own High Schools days with feelings of envy for the students who will be taught in such a bright, airy, free-style environment.

The school, opened in September, 1983, features cream brick, golden pine, blue paint and carpet and lots of glass, including portholes which echo its Black Wattle Bay setting. There are gardens and court yards everywhere and playing fields will soon replace the footings of the old 'demountable' buildings.

Provision has been made for the most up-to-date teaching methods, although much equipment is still to be provided.

Mr Porteous, the sort of Headmaster every school should have, extended an invitation to Society members who would like to show off the school to visitors from interstate. We thank him for his hospitality, past and future.

Edwina Doe



### RENOVATING ON THE GRAND SCALE

Many Glebe residents are familiar with the problems of restoring or renovating their homes - the troubles with tradesmen, the permanently sore joints from stripping back old paintwork and the mess.

So imagine tackling a building the size of Lyndhurst - the house which has been featured on the front page of the Bulletin for several years. Admittedly the Historic Houses Trust don't have to fit it in at the weekends, the way we ordinary mortals do, but the rooms are so vast and the work has to be so meticulous. The building will be used as a resource centre for information on conservation and restoration so every visitor will have super-critical eyes.

As we saw at the reception on 16th April, some of the downstairs rooms are now carefully restored and are temporarily in use as offices. Some of us wouldn't have chosen the blue colour scheme, but paint scrapings showed that they were the original colours. That's where restoration differs from renovation.

At the reception, the Save Lyndhurst Committee, their work now done, formally handed over the balance of their funds to the Trust. The money will be used to buy a suitable antique lock for the main door.

Seeing what is being accomplished at Lyndhurst makes it almost possible to imagine Venetia rescued and available for community use - if we only had the energy and funds.

We saw another example of the experts at work when Annette and Ian Evans held the March Happy Hour at their home. Ian has written several books and articles on restoration and he and Annette are practising what they preach on their own elegant home.

Ian's books, 'Restoring Old Houses', 'Furnishing Old Houses' and 'The Australian Home' are highly recommended if you are working on your house. Don't ring Ian for advice though - he's far too busy stripping back old paintwork!

### MONDAY GROUP - Sally Nelson

The meeting on Monday 21st May will be a visit to the Power House Museum. Meet at the entrance at 11am. Lunch will be in the Power House Cafe.

The June meeting will be an afternoon tea party at 2.30pm on the 18th. The hostess is Vi Hicks, Unit 4, Block 8, Avona Avenue. Please bring a 'plate'.

### FUTURE HAPPY HOURS

#### SATURDAY 12TH MAY - 12 NOON

"Happy Hour among the Pots" - at the Pottery shop on the corner of St. John's Road and Darghan Street.

#### SUNDAY 10TH JUNE - 11am

"Meet your Committee", at the home of the President, Neil Macindoe - 56 Wigram Road.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BILL and SALLY NELSON are moving house. Their address from 14th May will be:  
1 ALLEN STREET, GLEBE POINT.  
NEW 'PHONE NO: 660-6138.

### FREE AS A BIRD?

Our Secretary, Alan Hunt, has now realised the truth of the saying "There's no such thing as a free lunch".

Alan caught a magnificent specimen of a Peach-faced Parrot in his back yard. He decided the spare cage he had was too small, so that meant buying a \$40 cage. Then a workmate who breeds Peach-faced Parrots said a single bird would fret. After taking lessons in parrot-sexing (it all depends on the pelvic bones) Alan spent another \$16 for a female Peach-faced Parrot, plus the taxi fare home. At the last report, Bib and Bub are getting along splendidly. By the way, Bib (or was it Bub) must have escaped from captivity. The birds are green with apricot faces and vivid blue patches.

### DOG OWNERS LOOK OUT!

Leichhardt Council is erecting signs in all parks containing children's playgrounds advising that the exercising of dogs is prohibited in these areas.

Advertisements to this effect will also appear in newspapers in due course.

TREASURER NEEDED:

John Priest will have to give up the Treasurer's job in August. If you have the necessary skills to take over, please let him know straight away (660-3543) so there will be a few months to 'learn the ropes'.

GARAGE SALE:

The proceeds from the April Garage Sale paid for the Visitors' Book we are presenting to Lyndhurst. Thank you to everyone who contributed goods and / or helped out on the day.

From now on we will hold about three Garage Sales a year, so don't throw anything away.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Jennifer Dessens and her family are former residents of Glebe but are now exiles in the Northern Territory.

They are looking for a 1 or 2-bedroom house in Glebe to rent from Mid-July to the end of August. They will be happy to look after the house/pets/garden.

If you can help, contact:

Jennifer Dessens - (089) 871-302  
P.O. Box 919  
NHULUNBUY, N.T. 5797

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.

SATURDAY, 12TH MAY - 12 noon.  
Happy Hour, Pottery Shop, corner St John's Road & Darghan Street.

SUNDAY, 13TH MAY - Closing date for June Bulletin - 224 Bridge Rd., near Ross Street.

MONDAY, 21ST MAY - 11 a.m.  
Monday Group - Power House Museum.

SUNDAY, 10TH JUNE - 11 a.m.  
"Meet your Committee", 56 Wigram Road.

MONDAY, 18th JUNE - 2.30 p.m.  
Monday Group, 4/8 Avona Avenue.

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