

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - JULY

### Trees in Glebe:

Leichhardt Council has written informing us that the lopping of the poplars on Glebe Point Road will cease. The Council will liaise with us before any further tree-lopping in Glebe takes place. Alderman Brian Thompson has written to say that the SCC has the power to put overhead wires underground, which would remove the need to lop many trees.

### The Goods Rail Line:

A letter was sent to the State Rail Authority regarding possible uses for the goods rail link which runs through Glebe. The SRA has replied, saying that the future of the line is under consideration and that they will advise us of any developments.

### The Glebe High School Site:

We have heard that T.A.F.E. has expressed interest in using part of the Glebe High School site. The President has written to the Minister for Education, recommending that no further development takes place on these grounds, which provide such an appropriate setting for the school buildings.

### Mitchell Street closed:

Part of Mitchell Street has now been closed to traffic, but no landscaping has taken place so far.

### Max Factor Site:

Max Factor is vacating its building on Glebe Point Road. A development application has been lodged for the building to be converted to storage units. Bob Armstrong has written a letter expressing concern about the excessive hours proposed for access to the storage units and the traffic problems which would be caused.



### Federal Road Bridge:

Ray Kitson, a Society member, has written supporting our opposition of plans to rebuild Federal Road Bridge (see page 2).

### St. Ita's Chapel:

This chapel, on the corner of St. Johns's Road and Bellevue Street, is the last portion of the Lyndhurst Estate still in the Church's hands and is thus of historical interest. The Committee is writing to the Church authorities to express concern that the Chapel should not become derelict.

### Venetia:

Several residents in the area around Venetia have responded to our leaflets suggesting ways in which the building could be used. These suggestions will be put forward in further discussions with the Council.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 p.m., Wednesday, 8th August  
at the Bidura auditorium (entrance  
in Ferry Lane, off Ferry Road).

Wine will be supplied, but please  
bring a 'plate' of food contribution

Make sure you have paid your membership  
fee for 1984/5 or you won't be  
eligible to vote.

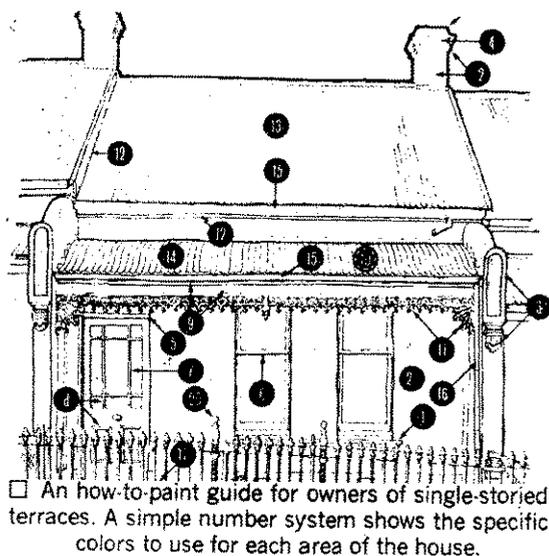
COLOUR SCHEMES FOR OLD AUSTRALIAN HOUSES - Ian Evans, Clive Lucas and Ian Stapleton.

Ian Evans, whose home was visited for a Happy Hour earlier this year, is co-author of this unusual book. It contains 42 exterior colour schemes and 24 interior schemes for a variety of house types built in Australia between 1820 and 1930. Each of the exterior schemes is illustrated by a 'paint by numbers' sketch, keyed to the accompanying colour scheme. Interior schemes are illustrated with photographs of suitable papers and sketches of appropriate stencil patterns and methods of painting decorative plaster. All of the colour schemes were actually used on old houses and were collected by taking paint scrapings on restoration projects or by recording the schemes on old houses which have never been repainted. Historical accuracy has been a prime consideration in the selection of colour schemes, stencils and wallpapers.

If you live in an older home and are considering repainting it, especially on the outside, you must have this book, which is handsomely presented as a large paperback. It is available from the Glebe Society for \$16.95. (Phone Neil Macindoe - 660 0208).

HAVE A BALL IN GLEBE?

Members may not be aware that Glebe possesses a very fine Victorian ballroom with a richly coffered and painted ceiling. It stands adjacent to old Bidura, and is now used by the staff for meetings and development activities. Unfortunately the floor is now carpeted and leaks, now repaired, have damaged the paintwork a little, but otherwise it would be readily available for its original use. The Committee is unsure whether the renewed interest in dancing has yet swept Glebe onto its feet, and would like to hear from members who are interested in a ball to be organised for the summer at, say, \$10 a head with a light supper and palm court orchestra provided. Interested members please ring Judy Casimir on 692 9705 and indicate their preferences in dances and costume.



Letter to Glebe Society: July 10.

Federal Road Bridge

I note in the latest bulletin reference to pressures for the re-opening of Federal Road Bridge.

I have been resident at Charlton Way (on the corner of Forsyth Street), for 16½ years, for the first two years of which the bridge was open. This was a time of decibel terror for me, particularly from delivery vans and the 2 to 5-ton truck brigade passing through Glebe which used Forsyth Street as a bypass. The strain on the engines on the slope produced the most vibratory and penetrating noise.

When the bridge was closed, an immediate diminution of the noise occurred, such vehicles as mentioned being less likely to divert from or to Wigram Road.

The thought of being tortured again after 15 years is dismaying.

I cannot see how Leichhardt Council could afford their share of the expense anyway, and if so for the benefit of which residents?

You have my fullest support in opposing any move on reopening, it's unnecessary and injurious to anyone on the bypass route.

All the best, Ray Kitson

P.S. I have noticed less traffic at peak hours recently: Reference to the temporary closure of the Water Board road explains this. R.K.

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS

### MARRICKVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Some 45 residents met to form the Society on April 28 and it became 'official' on May 26 when the Constitution was adopted.

Among other things the Society will aim to encourage and promote the Heritage, History and Conservation of the diverse cultural heritage of Marrickville. It's an aim of the Society to appeal to all sections of the community so they'll be producing some future material in languages other than English to encourage wide community participation.

We hope the Marrickville Society is as long-lasting as the others in our area. For further information, ring Chris Meader at the Marrickville Town Hall.

### VERANDAHS COMING BACK?

From the Annandale Association New letter, June 1984:

Remember the good old days when they had those lovely old verandahs surrounding homes, pubs and shops? Then they were replaced with cantilivered awnings with the introduction of parking meters. Well, we're pleased to note that Leichhardt Council want to encourage their reinstatement. It might take some time before they are allowed by State Government, though. In the meantime Council will support residents' applications to the Land and Environment Court to be allowed to build verandahs and balconies which project over the pavement. Should make for a change in atmosphere, don't you think. Also it makes possible such ideas as the restoration of balconies on corner pubs... and some of the pubs in this area would look great with such work.

(Alan Hunt points out that a verandah is being reinstalled on the corner of Derwent and Mitchell Streets).

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1984/5? AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN MAILED TO YOU.

## MONDAY GROUP

Unforeseen circumstances have caused the Monday Group to have another change of venue. The meeting on 20th August will be at Jean Mackenzie's unit, 16 Avon Towers, 2 Forsyth St., at 2.30 p.m.

The September meeting will be on the third Monday, as usual - 17th September. Details next month.

## HAPPY HOURS

Sunday, 5th August - 11 a.m. Balmain Watch House - 179 Darling Street, Balmain.

Sunday, 19th August, 11 a.m. at Betty Wright's, 120 Bridge Road, Glebe. (Between Gottenham and Talfourd Streets).

## WINE BOTTLING - SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER - 2.30 p.m.

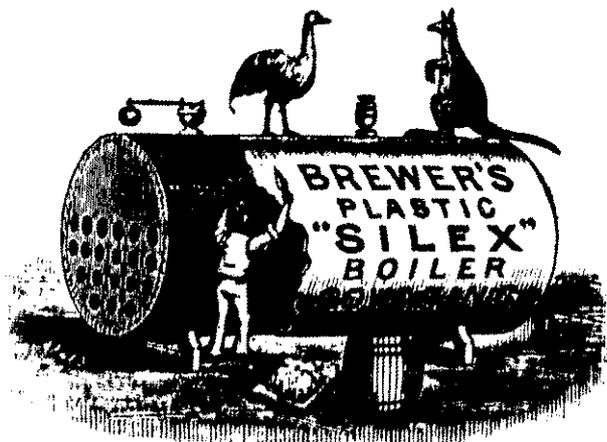
Tony Larkum will be holding the wine bottling at his home, 17 Alexandria Road, Glebe.

The wines are a Saltram's Red (Shiraz type) and a Saltram's white (Reisling). Both are \$1.60 per bottle (\$19.20 per dozen). They are good wines and well worth putting down for a year - better than any cask wines available.

Please phone Tony on 660 7030 and give him your order by Monday, 20th August, as he will have to order the wine. Start collecting and cleaning your supply of empty bottles. They will be sterilized at the bottling.

## VISIT TO THE CARLTON BREWERY MUSEUM

To continue the boozy theme for September, our Secretary, Alan Hunt, has invited us to the Brewery Museum, in Broadway, on the afternoon of Saturday, 29th September. Details next month.



JUST MENTION THE GLEBE SOCIETY -  
Edwina Doe.

If you want to complain, without inviting ill-feeling, use the cover of the Society.

A large pile of old cardboard cartons was decaying in the corner of the car park behind my house. When I complained to the people responsible, I explained that I am a member of the Glebe Society, which keeps an eye on such things. A week later, I was asked if the Society would approve of the cleaning up job which they had done.

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place to live -  
let's keep  
Glebe clean!***

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

David Degenhardt can thoroughly recommend a handyman, Marty, who does plastering, rendering, brick-laying, carpentry, small electrical and plumbing jobs, etc. Ring David on 660 3353 (any time) for further information.

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

Traffic -  
Jeanette Knox, 660 7781

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, 5TH AUGUST - 11 a.m.  
Happy Hour - Balmain Watch House

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST - 7.30 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting - Bidura Auditorium.

SUNDAY, 19TH AUGUST - 11 a.m.  
Happy Hour - 120 Bridge Road.

SUNDAY, 19TH AUGUST - Closing  
date for September Bulletin -  
224 Bridge Rd., Nr. Ross St.

MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST - Final  
date for wine orders.

MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST - 2.30 p.m.  
Monday Group, 16 Avon Towers.

SATURDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER - 2.30 pm  
Wine bottling - 17 Alexandra Rd.,  
Glebe.

MONDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER  
Monday Group meets - details  
later.

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Membership of the Glebe Society costs \$8 per year (individual membership). For information ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY

BOX 100 GLEBE 2037

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1984

The aims of the 1983-4 Committee have been to re-organise the sub-committee structure and revive or create sub-committees where necessary - to collect and store the Society's archives - to consolidate the membership - and to maintain a healthy level of public interest and social and fund-raising activity.

In many ways the task of the Management Committee is still easier than it was before the election of the 1981-83 Council. This Council was generally faithful to Local Environment Plan 20, and that plan was finally gazetted on 15th June this year. The Residents' Committees instituted by that Council have been discontinued. Although this means fewer demands on the time and energy of the Glebe Society, their passing is a matter for regret. They were an important means of involving aldermen in residents' concerns. Even before the new 1983 Council was elected, Council activity in Glebe dropped dramatically, partly because of the proposed amalgamation of Glebe with the City. The new Council generally lacks experience, and the Society's efforts cannot be allowed to slacken.

### No amalgamation

My first duty as President was to represent the Society at the Local Government Boundaries Commission, and fortunately they recommended against amalgamation of Glebe with the City.

### Bicentennial Park

First Peter Martin, and then myself, represented the Society at all meetings of the Leichhardt Council Bicentennial Committee. The Society's proposed Bicentennial Park on Rozelle Bay remains the most important project, and the Council applied for Federal funding for it in July. Here again, elections and ministerial changes have made the Society's task more difficult, but owing to the Bicentennial Committee and John Buckingham's unflagging efforts, the project is still very much alive.

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### Wentworth and Harold Parks

Developments at Wentworth and Harold Parks dominated the beginning of 1984. The serious financial debt incurred by building the monstrous grandstand at Wentworth Park forced the Minister for Sport to intervene. The Committee supported this intervention and made representations to the Minister. Another monstrous proposal, this time for a neon sign 100m long, was again the subject of an application from Harold Park, and at this stage it seems unlikely to go ahead. A joint sub-committee led by Gideon Rutherford now monitors activities at both racetracks.

### Blackwattle Bay Park

The new Blackwattle Bay Park suffered erosion as a result of heavy rain. After a period of inaction repairs are under way, and so, with the assistance of Bob Armstrong and his sub-committee, are plans for electric barbeques and the restoration of Venetia as a residents' centre and caretaker's flat.

### Jubilee Park

Tony Larkum has taken responsibility for Jubilee and Federal Parks, and there is now a co-ordinated campaign to improve the maintenance and amenities of this the largest Glebe park area and core of the Bicentennial proposal. Before and during the recent temporary closure of the Water Board road through these parks, the Society and residents have urged the Council to close it permanently.

### New Parks

Parkland in Glebe should increase soon. Work on the long awaited Mitchell Street closure began in June, and plans for the first stage of the Orphan School Creek parkland proposal, inspired originally by Alan Robertson and others, were published in July. This proposal should be pressed by the next Committee. This Committee has kept up a constant pressure on the Homeopathic Hospital, and it is possible that the public will soon have access to the Hospital's block on the corner of Wigram and Glebe Point Roads.

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#### Tree Sub-Committee

Two years ago, the then Committee formed a sub-committee to recommend tree plantings in Glebe. This sub-committee lapsed, and it is clear to the tree-conscious that the time is ripe for it to be re-established to monitor and make recommendations. Doris Flood is the first to offer to serve on this revised sub-committee, and I hope others will follow.

#### Traffic Sub-Committee

A similar situation exists with the Traffic sub-committee. Formed originally to make recommendations to Council, it too lapsed. Jeanette Knox, with extensive experience on the old sub-committee and of the Society generally, is eager to hear from other interested folk, especially as the traffic study for Glebe will be made public shortly.

#### Lyndhurst

Also at the beginning of this year the Historic Houses Trust moved into Lyndhurst, and one of the Society's social highlights for 1984 was a cocktail party there on April 16th. The Trust has generously offered the Society use of its beautifully restored rooms for meetings and functions, and they should soon be available. Unfortunately, the Trust has limited storage space and computer facilities, and so the problem of storing and recording the Society's archives has not been solved.

#### Archives

Some progress has been made in identifying and collecting archival material, however. Three complete sets of Bulletins are recorded, as well as numerous maps, reports and publications. There are also gaps - records from the previous 1982-83 Committee, for instance, are completely absent - and the Society would be grateful if anyone who possesses or has borrowed documents would notify the Secretary.

### Membership Review

The membership of the Society has not been completely reviewed for some time. The previous Committee began a review and attempted to establish a master list. The retiring Treasurer, John Priest, though handicapped by increasing commitments, has brought us within sight of an accurate and complete record of all relevant membership information, and I urge you to co-operate with this mammoth enterprise by filling in your renewals accurately and fully and subscribing promptly. I apologise to the membership on behalf of this and the previous Committees for the delays and errors that have inevitably arisen, and thank the distributors, who have mostly borne the changes with patience and fortitude. Members should realise that the voluntary labour involved in contacting unfinancial members and co-ordinating changes in a Society of this size is very great : many comparable organizations have a paid secretariat or have their own computer.

### Publicity and Social Activities

From its inception, this Committee strove to diversify and enrich the social activities of the Society. We decided to hold a House Inspection on November 4th this year (these have been held biennially in the past), and to arrange joint functions with our sister organizations on a regular basis to improve co-operation and exchange. A successful garage sale was held in April. The Secretary, Alan Hunt, was especially inventive in suggesting a range of new activities and new venues for the Happy Hour. In case anyone should doubt the value to the Society of these efforts, I will mention the Lyndhurst Visitors' Book, paid for by receipts from the garage sale, and a gift of twenty free tickets to the Society from the recently established Off-Broadway Theatre Company. The Society has also joined the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre to consolidate local links and have a stronger voice in planning community activities.

This year's Committee, at first under strength and with a great backlog of tasks, deprived after a few months of its President and feeling keenly its lack of experience, co-opted two new members, Judy Casimir and Cleo Sabadine, and is now working well as a team. The Society needs continuity, and I am very grateful for the support of the various experienced sub-committee convenors, and our capable and energetic Senior Vice and Bulletin Editor, Edwina Doe. I hope that members will acknowledge the efforts of the Committee and Convenors by offering their support and skills for the good of us all, and the future of a unique and beautiful area.



Neil Macindoe,  
President.