



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER

Once again, all major matters discussed at the November Committee meeting are fully covered in reports in this Bulletin.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT HAROLD PARK?

The NSW Trotting Club proposes to improve facilities at Harold Park with money from the Racecourse Development Fund. They would like to spend \$3 million providing club-type facilities within and behind the existing main stand. They also intend to increase on-course parking by about 500 spaces. However, the problem of cars leaving the course has not been solved.

The Committee believes the best solution to the problems with the site would be for the Trotting Club to sell up and move, and for Harold Park to become public housing and open space. If the new investment goes ahead, the Trotting Club is unlikely to move for many years. The present track is distant from its clientele and 95% arrive by car.

Representatives of the Glebe Society and the Annandale Association met with the Leichhardt Municipal Council Director of Planning and the Harold Park architects on 26th November and made the following points:

1. If the proposal goes ahead, parking on-course must be free and ingress and egress for cars greatly improved.
2. The present loudspeaker system should be replaced with a smaller, less noisy system entirely within the occupied stands.
3. The perimeter adjacent to The Crescent and Wigram Road should be landscaped and heavily planted with evergreens, and the present wall replaced with wire mesh where there is planting.

Any progress will be reported in the next Bulletin.

# SANTA CLAUS



H. S. Chipman.  
Games and sporting  
articles; 1886.

## SANTA IS COMING TO OUR PARTY

We have just heard that Santa Claus will be able to fit in an appearance at our Christmas Party on Tuesday 11th December at Basset's, 207 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. (7.00 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.)

Please bring a gift of up to \$3 value. To help Santa, will you please label your gift so he knows whether to give it to a man or a woman.

The three-course meal, with choices of entrees and main courses and Basset's exclusive Christmas Pudding, will cost \$18 per head (\$15 for pensioners). B.Y.O.G.

Please ring Betty Wright on 660-1875 before 6th December with bookings. Numbers are limited to 60.

The Committee wishes members of the Society and all our other good friends in the neighbourhood

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## WHERE IS OUR HORSE TROUGH?

The horse trough in St. John's Road, near Glebe Point Road, has disappeared. We believe it was removed by Leichhardt Council workmen on the instructions of an Alderman who had heard that drunks were relieving themselves in it (surely the fate of horse troughs through the ages!).

Horses have always played an important part in the history of the Glebe area (see Max Solling's article in the November 1983 Bulletin). This horse trough is one of the few remaining relics of this history. The Society hopes that the trough is in safe keeping and will soon be restored to its rightful home. We hope that we have misunderstood the situation and that decisions about our heritage are not being taken too lightly.

## TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Many members and other residents have expressed concern to the Committee about the increase in through traffic in Glebe. In 1984 there have been more than a dozen residents proposals put to Council to restrict traffic in various streets.

The Council has responded in two ways, pending completion of the Ove Arup Traffic Survey. It has introduced residents' parking in South Glebe, and introduced some restrictions on heavy vehicles. Other measures in the area of Forest Lodge covered by the completed section of the Survey have already attracted criticism from residents.

In the past the Society has mounted a multi-barrelled attack on the problem, and the present Committee is continuing the assault in four main areas.

### 1. Better Public Transport

Unless public transport improves, traffic management measures will have only a slight impact. They simply shift the problem from one area to another. The Committee is actively promoting light rail and more efficient bus services (see September and October Bulletins) and a ferry service from Glebe Point. This last forms part of the Rozelle Bay Bicentennial Park project, and the expansion of Parramatta River ferry services.

### 2. No Upgrading of Main Roads

Any upgrading of major roads through Glebe will simply encourage more through traffic. However, there are some situations where turning and parking restrictions can improve safety and reduce congestion. Contrary to common opinion, traffic lights do not always improve safety, and frequently lead to greater traffic volume. Roundabouts are safer, and should be used where there is sufficient space.

Expressways are not appropriate for the inner city. Where their construction appears inevitable, the Committee has argued for minimal impact on residential housing and townscape, and limited access to and from local roads.

### 3. Keep Through Traffic on Main Roads

The DMR's actions encourage increased traffic volumes in the inner city, leading directly to overflow of through traffic onto local roads, thus violating the DMR's own stated principles. The Committee revived the traffic sub-committee to recommend traffic management measures to protect residents from this overflow, and all suggestions are being studied closely. The aim is to discourage through traffic using local roads with as little inconvenience to residents as possible, but some inconvenience to residents and businesses must be accepted if the measures are to be effective. Places where children play or go to school must have top priority. A high proportion of Glebe's roads are narrow, have blind corners, and are suited for local access only.

The Committee recognises that in some areas the problems are very serious and growing worse. However, it is important to remember that measures taken in one place invariably have some impact on others, and the total consequences for the suburb must be considered. The sub-committee will provide an overview which it is often difficult for residents of a particular street to achieve.

### 4. Restrict Movement of Heavy Vehicles

If local roads are unsuited to through traffic, they are even more inappropriate for heavy commercial vehicles. Industries dependent on heavy vehicles have been allowed to develop. The Committee will continue to encourage them to move. The Committee examines all development applications that will lead to increased traffic generation, and supports measures to restrict movement of heavy vehicles and provide adequate off-street parking.

## WALKING TOURS OF GLEBE

Do you want to show off Glebe to your overseas or interstate visitors? Maureen Fry, a member of the Society, has guided tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, followed by lunch at the Demeter Bakery. The price is \$10.00. (Concession for pensioners).

Ring Maureen on 660 7157 for further information and bookings.

### \*KATE AND BERNARD SMITH NEED A TEMPORARY HOME \*

Kate and Bernard, the founders of the Glebe Society, who now live in Melbourne, would like to rent accommodation in Glebe for June - August 1985. If you can help please ring their friend:

Diana Schlicht - 660.3959

## 1984 GLEBE HOUSE INSPECTION

When I first proposed to the Committee that we should organise a House Inspection, after a break of three years, I was a little worried that people living in the inner city would have become wary of allowing too much publicity about their homes.

As it turned out, however, owners came forward most generously. They were most willing to allow interested folk to see what they had done to their homes.

About five hundred people visited most of the buildings that were open, and the takings were sufficient to cover costs and provide a reasonable boost to the Society's campaign funds. The advertising was kept deliberately low-key at the request of several of the owners, but even so these costs have risen considerably since 1981. At \$5 for a full adult ticket, the thirteen buildings provided a good day's entertainment by contemporary standards.

Although organising an open day is a lot of work, I believe it is thoroughly worthwhile, and this latest effort proves they can be continued. More than sixty people were involved, and the Committee thanks all those who offered their homes and those who gave up their time to mind them. By common consent, it was a relaxed and enjoyable experience, with plenty of opportunity for visitors to chat, observe the advances made in buildings previously on view, and see the interiors of some outstanding buildings for the first time.

There is a perfectly natural curiosity to see the interiors of other people's homes and buildings whose impressive exteriors attract us, but in an area so richly endowed as Glebe, where both public and private owners are making such efforts, an open day expands people's awareness and makes them more committed to conserve and restore what is valuable in our architectural heritage.

The Stanmore Association will hold an open day in 1985. We will publish details in the Bulletin when they are available.

There will be scope for attracting more visitors as the restoration of Lyndhurst proceeds, and the Historic Houses Trust resource centre is established. Even with increased numbers, it is possible to organise the tour in such a way that quite modest houses can be opened.

- Neil Macindoe

## MONDAY GROUP

About sixteen members came to the final meeting for 1984 - a Christmas lunch. The first meeting for 1985 will be on Monday, 18th February, when Pat Moore will be hostess at 7/26 Cook Street.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK - SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Our first social event for 1985 will be a barbeque/picnic in Jubilee Park, on Sunday 10th February from 11.30 a.m. Bring your own food and drink. A barbeque plate will be available for cooking.

We extend a special invitation to our friends of the Annandale, Balmain and Stanmore Associations.



## WINE BOTTLING - MARCH 1985

Some members missed the wine bottling in September and others enjoyed the wine so much they wished they had ordered more.

So, by popular demand, Tony Larkum will hold another bottling in March. The wines are:

- A Saltram's Red - Shiraz type
- A Saltram's White - Reisling

Both are \$1.60 per bottle; \$19.20 per dozen.

Phone Tony (660 7030) NOW and give him your orders. You'll forget if you put it off. And start collecting a supply of clean empty bottles.

The date of the bottling will be announced in the next Bulletin.

## PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The Society has copies of the following publications for sale:

The Glebe Project	\$3.00
Light Rail Monograph	\$3.00
Leichhardt Historical	
Journal - current issue	\$5.00
- back issues	\$3.00
Colour Schemes for Old	
Australian Houses - Ian	
Evans et al	\$17.00
The Australian Home - Ian	
Evans	\$24.00

Ring Neil Macindoe - 660.0208.

## HAND LAWMOWER FOR SALE - \$12.00

Almost an antique and in good working order. Ideal for a pocket handkerchief-sized Glebe lawn. Ring Neil Macindoe 660-0208.

## A BULLETIN DISTRIBUTOR IS NEEDED

If you can spare a couple of hours each month to distribute Bulletins in the Forest Lodge area, please ring Neil Macindoe on 660-0208.

## 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.

MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER - 7pm

Committee Meeting, 56 Wigram Road.

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 7 pm for 8pm

Glebe Society Christmas Party at Bassett's. Book with Betty Wright, 660.1875 by 6th December.

SUNDAY, 13th JANUARY

Closing date for February Bulletin, 224 Bridge Road, nr. Ross Street.

SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY - 11.30 am

Picnic in the Park - BBQ/Picnic in Jubilee Park.

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY - 2.30 pm

Monday Group meets, 7/26 Cook Street.

MARCH (Date to be advised)

Wine Bottling - order your wine now - 660.7030.

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