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WHAT THE COMMITTEE DID - JUNE 1985

Letters were received from Bob Carr, Minister for the Environment, supporting Rozelle Bay Bicentennial Park, and the office of the Commissioner for Main Roads, referring Traffic committee requests to the regional manager. A nine-page letter was received from the Director of Planning at Leichhardt Council (details later).

Meet the Members - guest speakers will be invited to these functions, following the success of the first. People the Committee will contact include: the Ministry of Housing, for a speaker on Housing Commission developments in Glebe; the Municipal Engineer and DMR regional manager to discuss Glebe's traffic problems; the ward aldermen and LMC Chief Health Inspector to discuss local sanitary policy; and the Light Rail Association and General Manager of Darling Harbour to discuss developments at Darling Harbour.

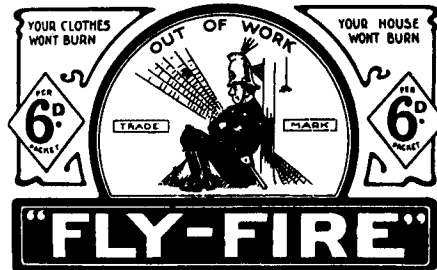
There has also been a request for discussion of bike tracks, and this will be followed up.

The Committee expressed concern at the traffic build-up in Glebe, and wrote to the Minister for Roads about misdirecting traffic through Glebe and the recently-announced F4-White Bay link. (See article p.2).

The Committee offered its support to the convenors representing Glebe and the Leichhardt Council for International Youth Year.

BIRTHDAY PARTY - 20 JULY

There are still some places available for the party at the Glebe Rowing Club so please make your reservations now by ringing Betty Wright on 660 1875. As an added attraction, we have arranged for a guitar playing singer to entertain us.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST

7.30pm - The Kindergarten,
19 Toxteth Road.

The sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will receive the reports of the outgoing Management Committee, and will elect a new committee for the next twelve months. Nominations for election to the following positions are open to all members:

President
Senior Vice-President
Junior Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Four committee members

Nominations for positions must comply with Clause 10 of the Constitution. This means that they must be signed by the nominated person (with occupation and address) and by two proposers who are financial members of the Society for 1985/86, and must reach The Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM, i.e. they must be lodged at: P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037, by Wednesday, 24th July.

You may use the nomination form enclosed with this Bulletin, or a copy of it in your own writing.

If you want to have a say in the way the Society is run, or to help improve the standard of life in The Glebe, the best way is to nominate for the Committee.

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK ENLARGED!

State Government Buys Stride's Yard for Open Space

On 15th January 1985 the Committee wrote to the Heritage Council, the National Trust and Leichhardt Council noting that Stride's Yard, between the two sections of Blackwattle Bay Park, was for sale and expressing the Society's concern at the future of the site and buildings.

On Wednesday 19th June Council informed us that the Department of Environment and Planning had purchased Stride's Yard at an auction the previous day, and that the site was intended for inclusion in the existing divided park. The Committee confirmed this with the DEP and Heritage Council, and a Glebe Society-resident group team will inspect the site with a view to making recommendations. There are two houses at least that the Heritage Council may be interested in restoring, perhaps for community use, and it may be possible to preserve some items characteristic of the old waterfront industrial character of the site without seriously reducing open space.

The Society has been assured that this unexpected but very welcome windfall will in no way affect the possibility of acquiring further waterfront open space in Rozelle Bay.

Members are reminded that as well as providing much needed parkland, the foreshores of Glebe are highly visible to Victoria Road traffic. It should be a consideration of Government that these foreshores provide a gateway to the inner city, and their dedication as parkland is an excellent advertisement for enlightened planning.

ACTION ON UNSUITABLE SIGN

In response to the Society's complaint about the new cigarette advertising sign on top of University Hall, corner Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road which has a Permanent Conservation Order, Leichhardt Council has required the owner and Claude Neon to show cause why the sign should not be removed.

CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

The President attended a public meeting held on Sunday, 30th June, to discuss public planning and the proposed changes to the Planning and Assessment Act. About 150 people representing 30 organisations attended. Details in the next Bulletin.

PROPOSED F4 - WHITE BAY LINK

The Government's answer to how to link the F4 freeway to the City has finally arrived. Although Glebe residents can feel relieved that their suburb will not be slashed in two by a freeway or widened road, as was once proposed, it would be a mistake to think we can sink back smugly and watch others suffer.

On Saturday, 15th June Glebe residents were given a sharp reminder of one problem associated with the proposed link. As a result of road repairs, Victoria Road traffic was misdirected through Glebe, and for some hours roads were choked and movement almost ceased. The Committee wrote immediately to the Minister for Roads.

If Glebe is not to suffer severely, either the F4 - White Bay link must not be built or the White Bay - Darling Harbour Freeway and new Glebe Island Bridge must be built first.

The present bridge and roadworks to the City cannot cope with any increase in traffic flow, but the new link will pour vast numbers of extra vehicles into the Crescent. It is certain they will choose the longer route through Glebe if the Pyrmont route reaches capacity. The Traffic sub-committee has pointed this out to the Minister also.

Moreover, the proposed link may do a great deal of damage without solving the problem. Unless the new bridge and expressway are built first, houses and parkland will be destroyed for nothing. The question should again be raised: perhaps radial inner-city freeways and associated works create more problems than they solve, and even their solutions are only temporary.

BLACK BOOKS

- Maria Mackell

Black Books was set up in 1982 as a bookshop and advisory centre in Tranby Aboriginal College, Sydney.

The College itself has been running since 1958. It was set up mainly with church and union support, with the aim of giving Aboriginal people and Communities the training they want to do the things they see as best.

People at Tranby several years ago saw that there was a great need for resources and advice on or by Aboriginal people. We saw schools under pressure to teach Aboriginal Studies, but without the funds or experience to get the best resource. We saw a number of books on the market which were either racist or exploitative, which offered a view of Aboriginal people which was inaccurate, simplistic or just plain wrong.

Some publications had material which may have been secret/sacred, and the permission of the traditional owners had not apparently been sought. We also saw a growth in the publications of white experts, some of which are very good, but which threaten to swamp Aboriginal Authors.

So, in mid-1982 we started out by setting up a small bookshop in a front room at Tranby. We had the support of the College, but no capital and balanced credit and debit to build up- depending on the voluntary labour of staff, students and friends.

We looked at all the generally available books we could find - around 300 - and sought the opinions of Aboriginal and Islander people, of schools and departments, and of non-Aboriginal people who are familiar with the literature and the issues.

We produced a catalogue of 250 books early in 1983 and most of our sales are through it, especially for country areas. This has been revised, and we are shortly to produce our 1985/86 catalogue with approx. 350 titles, and a list of music cassettes, flags, and other items. Phone 660 0120 to place your name on our mailing list. (Maria Mackell, Co-ordinator).

(Maria Mackell is a Society member who works at Tranby).

MONDAY GROUP MEETINGS

15th July - 2.30 p.m. Afternoon tea at Sally Nelson's, 1 Allen St.

19th August - Lunch at Mary Wargenau's at Little Bay. Details later.

MEET THE MEMBERS MEETINGS

Our first Meet the Members evening, in June, was a great success. Over fifty people were present, including members who had not previously taken part in any Society activities and Glebe residents who were making their first contact with the Society.

John Buckingham gave an extremely interesting explanation of the plans for the Bicentennial Park. A suggestion was made that we should arrange a tour of the proposed site, so we all know exactly what we are fighting for. This tour will take place in the near future.

We are planning to have regular Meet the Members evenings on alternate months. Our August meeting will be

on: Thursday, 15th August,
7 - 10 pm.
at: The Kindergarten,
19 Toxteth Road.

Our special guest will be the Hon. Frank Walker or his representative speaking on Housing Commission activities in Glebe.

Convenors of several of our Action Sub-Committees will also be present. More details next month.

ANOTHER YOUTH HOSTEL FOR GLEBE

It is good to be able to announce that in International Youth Year the Youth Hostels Association of NSW has bought a second hostel in Glebe, previously The Glebe Motel at 262 Glebe Point Road. There will be accommodation for 100 YHA members and the charge is \$8 per night. The YHA has also promised to join the Glebe Society.

For a large proportion of young people visiting Sydney from interstate and overseas, their strongest memories will be of the Glebe area. The other Glebe Hostel, at the corner of Ross Street and St Johns Road, was built in 1873 for Rev. George Sutherland, a Presbyterian clergyman.

GARAGE SALE

Thank you to everyone who worked on the stall or donated goods. Over \$100 was added to our 'fighting fund'.

THE PERFECT MULCH

Bags of sawdust are available from 3 Charles Street. Well-rotted manure can also be had if you are prepared to dig it up.

EXHIBITION AT THE MACLEAY MUSEUM

There is a fascinating exhibition of documents on the history and development of the Blue Mountains at the Macleay Museum, Sydney University (near the Parramatta Road footbridge). The exhibition is on until the end of August and entrance is free.

LATE NEWS

The Department of Planning and Environment is going to undertake a study of Rozelle, Blackwattle and White Bays, with a view to recommending more appropriate development of these waterfront areas.

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 6149

Monday Group (Social) -
Sally Nelson - 660 6138

Meet the Members Evenings -
Alan Hunt - 660 2407

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, 15th JULY - 2.30 p.m.
Monday Group Meeting - 1 Allen St.

TUESDAY, 16th JULY - 7.30 p.m.
Committee Meeting - 56 Wigram Rd.

SATURDAY, 20th JULY - 7 p.m.
16th Glebe Society Birthday Party,
Glebe Rowing Club.

WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST - 7.30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, the
Kindergarten, 19 Toxteth Road.

THURSDAY, 15th AUGUST - 7 p.m.
Meet the Members Evening -
19 Toxteth Road.

MONDAY, 19th AUGUST
Monday Group Lunch - details later.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1985/6.

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