

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

Box 100, Glebe 2037

No 3 of 1986

APRIL

"Registered By Australia Post - Publication No. NBG 7483"

WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID.

Letter to Leichhardt Council re: Blackwattle Bay Park - People arriving by boat and using Park for overnight barbecues. Using bushes for toilet purposes - there being no toilet facilities, and disturbing local residents.

JUBILEE PARK

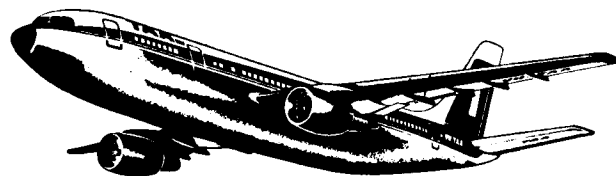
Cars being driven through park.

POCKET PARKS

Some are becoming overgrown. Particularly the park at corner of St John's Road and Wentworth Park Road - this is becoming a small forest, - thus unsuitable as places for sitting in the sun.

WALKING TOUR LEAFLET

This is being upgraded. We hope to have a new issue when upgrading complete.



GALLERY IN THE WATCHHOUSE

The Balmain Association are making The Watchhouse available as a gallery for local artists, potters, sculptors on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. The Watchhouse was Balmain's original police station built in 1854. It makes an interesting venue for displays. For further details contact Norman Bull, 810 1611.



SITUATION VACANT

The Glebe Society needs a Secretary. Alan Hunt is doing a sterling job as Minute Secretary and we are grateful. And your President is all things wrapped into one. Ring Edwina Doe if you can help, or just come to the next committee meeting.

CORRECTION IN SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 2nd May Meet The Members has been deferred. Mr. Brian Thompson was approached for guest speaker, but regrets he is already committed to a prior engagement. The date also clashes with school holidays.

HOLIDAY

Your President Edwina Doe is off to England to visit her family. We wish her Bon Voyage and safe return.

HAROLD PARK

The trotting track will get a \$5 million grandstand upgrading this year. Part of the State government policy of improving spectator sports venues.

PICNIC IN BLACKWATTLE BAY

Make a note in your diary and join with members and friends for a picnic in Blackwattle Bay Park on Sunday 20 April at 12 noon. The numbers at the Jubilee Park Rally on Sunday 9th March were disappointing. Make a special effort for this social Sunday afternoon.

OPEN SPACE ON GLEBE ESTATE

On 11 March, Leichhardt Council considered the Dept. of Housing's Strategy Plan for Eishophorpe and ST Phillips, commonly but misleadingly known as the Glebe Estate.

Members will recall that in September 1985 Council opposed the plan supported by the residents to make the Catherine Street triangle into a public park and to rehouse the aged on older suitable sites. At the 11 March meeting Council at the instigation of the Glebe aldermen, Cowley and Thompson also opposed the three road closures suggested by the Dept of Housing to ease the acute shortage of public open space. They did this despite the success of the Mitchell Street closure, which was of course initiated by the previous Council. There could hardly be a clearer indication that the present Council has abandoned the enlightened policies of the previous Council, including consultation with residents. In opposing all the closures, the aldermen not only went against the wishes of the Dept of Housing but also the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer.

Fortunately, other recommendations by Council's Planning Dept for improved Community services were not opposed.

Neil MacIndoe.

CITY WEST LINK ROAD

The Society's Traffic sub-committee is preparing comments on the EIS of this recent proposal. The height and date of completion for the proposed new Glebe Island Bridge is crucial.

COCKLE BAY (DARLING HARBOUR) MONSTERRAIL

The Society continues to support improved inner city public transport systems and oppose systems that do not connect with the existing facilities, such as the Monsterrail, and will be represented at the City Town Hall meeting of 26 March.

Neil MacIndoe.

ENVIRONMENT GALA DAY

The Rally in Jubilee Park on 9 March was organised by the Save Rozelle Bay Campaign. It brought together local action groups such as the Glebe Society, Annandale Association, Paddington Society as well as specific issue groups such as those formed to oppose the mon-rail and the Leura Escarpment Development.

The gathering was addressed by several highly qualified speakers. Among them were:

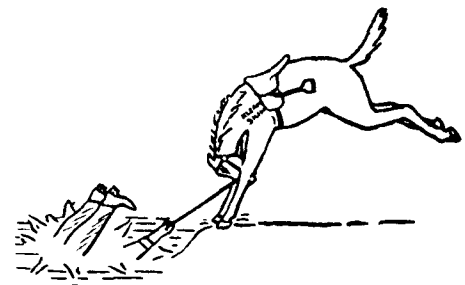
- Dr. Harris, an urban planning expert who stressed the need for action groups to be reasonable in their demands - all areas/suburbs should expect some "good" things together with some "bad".

- Professor Runcie, who campaigned strongly and successfully against the Moore Park development some years ago ranged over the "bad" decisions of the last few years - Moore Park, Parramatta Park, Leura, the Monorail.....

- Mr. Tim Moore, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Planning contended that no matter which party is in power "good" development will be in marginal seats, while "bad" development will take place in both "safe" and "unwinnable" seats.

- Jack Munday, Sydney City Alderman and former "green bans" leader spoke out strongly against arrangements made for political expediency. Not notable were the Labor/Liberal City Council Coalition and the governments legislation circumventing its own legislation to establish the Land and Environment Court and exercised to the detriment of the environment in Parramatta Park, at Leura, with the Monorail and at Darling Harbour. He exhorted action groups to become even more vigilant in the protection of their environment. Because the government can by-pass the protective instruments, local groups must use the politics of members to ensure the well-being of their area.

John Buckingham



BI CENTENNIAL PARK ROZELLE BAY

The campaign to get the original proposal accepted must continue. While on its own the M.S.B. compromise plan for waterfront park on the Glebe side of Rozelle Bay is a great step forward, the gains are nullified by the M.S.B. plan for the Annandale side. Offensive aspects of this part of the plan include:

- the loss of waterfront access at present available on the Annandale site.
 - the loss of Federal Park.
 - the filling in of several acres on the waterfront and of Rozell Park.
 - the building of a massive workshop (at a cost of \$20 million) that will occupy land from the viaduct (and be as high as the viaduct) through to the reclaimed land at the water's edge.
- We are planning to mount a massive demonstration in late May/ early June to coincide with the publication of the Environmental Impact Statements on the project. It is hoped all members, their families and friends will attend the proposed rally.

John Buckingham.

CENTENARY

Stanmore Fire Station celebrates its century on May 29. Ross Brogan is looking for old photographs or information which would assist in the preparation of an article. People with any information can contact him at the station - 560 9966

MONDAY GROUP

The group will meet Monday 21st April at Sue Stainers 7/411 Glebe Point Road 12 noon - 3p.m. Bring lunch for one, for example, sandwich and fruit.

HAPPY HOUR

Thank you to Betty Wright for Happy Hour on 23 March. Unfortunately the numbers were down. This costs the Society and the time of the member involved in opening her/his house.

TAKE TIME

ABC Radio has launched a weekly program of special interest to elderly people. Of an hours duration, it includes personal development, self-protection, financial advice, understanding politics, gardening, genealogy, Social history and adult education. Take Time is broadcast on Fridays at 2p.m, on Sydney 2FC 576.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members. We invite you to participate fully in our varied activities. Committee meetings are not closed, any member wishing to participate is welcome. A phone call would be appreciated to any member of the Management Committee - for chair or cushion accommodation

Mrs Pauline Street
53 Ross Street
Glebe 2037

Tony Simons
23/81 St. Johns Road
Glebe 2037

Gwen Noye & Colin Noye
7 Northcote Road
Glebe Point 2037

BALMAIN GET TOGETHER

Since the end of January Members of the Balmain Association have been meeting at the Watchhouse in Balmain every Friday evening for a low key social engagement. No music at this stage, they are working on that area. Friends from similar groups of "watchdogs" of our past, present and future are invited to join them, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. B.Y.O. No charge, but a friendly donation would be most acceptable. Let's help our nextdoor suburb recreate the village atmosphere of past days. See you there next Friday.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Thanks to Max Solling on the 25 February at Lyndhurst for his talk and slides on The Glebe's past. Forgive the ladies who thought there were too many men back in those days.

Edwina Doe displayed the Visitor's book, which is almost ready to be presented to Lyndhurst, after the gold lettering has been completed.

Forms were available for signatures for the forming of Neighbourhood Watch groups.

Thanks to John Stander and Betty Wright for the excellent spread of cheese and sandwiches. A very successful evening and a gratifying number of guests.

DEAD LINE

Bulletin dead line 24 April, for May Issue. 2 Cliff Tce, Forest Lodge, 2037 660 4825

HOUSE INSPECTIONS

Next in November. No Volunteers as yet. Contact any committee Member with your offer.

STATE LIBRARY OF NSW

Has almost complete set of Society Bulletins. Missing are: No 6, 1977, No 10, 1977/78, No 1, 1978, No 5, 1978, No 8, 1978, -. Any member who has these copies, the library will photo copy and return to complete their set.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 20 April - Picnic at Blackwattle Bay Park 12 noon. Social afternoon.

Monday 21 April - Monday Group - Noon-3pm. 7/411 Glebe Point Road.

TUESDAY 22 April - Committee meeting 7.30 2 Cliff Tce, Forest Lodge.

Sunday 4 May - Happy Hour. Wilena Art Gallery, 89 Glebe Point Road.

Friday 27 June - Singalong & Meet the members night - Toxteth Hall, Toxteth Street.



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

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 areas of interest. If you are willing to help form a subcommittee on any matter concerning The Glebe, contact Edwina Doe, 660 7066 (H) 922 3877 (W)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President : Edwina Doe
660 7066 (H)
922 3877 (W)

Immediate Past Pres. Neil Macindoe
660 0208 (H)

Vice President Eileen Lacey
692 0173 (H)
569 4933 (W)

Treasurer Mike Curtis
692 9416 (H)

Secretary
Committee

Bob Armstrong 660 4189 (H)

Chris Barry 660 6115 (H)

Maureen Fry 660 7157 (H)

Alan Hunt 660 2407 (H)

Ted McVeown 660 3917 (H)

Bulletin Editor Gwen Geschmay
660 4825 (H)

New Members' Rep John Stander
692 9927 (H)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS
\$8 PER YEAR (INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP).
FOR INFORMATION RING JOHN STANDER -
692 9927