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DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR 431 GLEBE POINT ROAD. A NEW FACE FOR MAX FACTORS!

At the meeting of Leichhardt council, held on 22/4/86, the development proposal for conversion of 'Max Factor's' premises was discussed and subsequently approved. It is proposed to make alterations to the existing building to be used for office space and to be leased to Traveland, a major national travel company, as their head office. An additional office level 6 is to be built ~~within the existing building envelope~~ to offset the reduction in the existing floor area resulting from the provision of 45 spaces for car parking within the ground floor. A roof-top recreation area is planned for staff use. Single-storey buildings are to be demolished to make way for landscaping on the Leichhardt Street frontage. The offices will accommodate 175 employees and will be used between the hours 8.00a.m. and 6.00p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive and will not be used on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. It must be said that the Planning Report, on which the council's decision was based, is a commendable one. It took into account many of the concerns of those residents who lodged objections and suggestions. Full, roof-mounted airconditioning, fixed and tinted windows, and screening devices are among the requirements which have been stipulated in order to reduce noise and possible loss of privacy. Traffic flow to and from the parking area is one-way and such as to avoid directing cars around the circuit of Leichhardt, Oxley and Stewart Streets. The premises are to be used as a head office, not as an agency, and so traffic as might be generated by potential tourists is not expected. Whilst the building is of a size now inappropriate to the present surrounds, the proposed development represents a significant improvement on the present use.

Bob Armstrong.



MEMBERSHIP FEES

Due to rising costs and to cover the outlay of the Bulletin to each member, Committee decided to raise the fees. Household \$12, Individual \$10, Pensioners and Students \$4. It is only a slight rise, and we trust acceptable to all members. Also make a note that the A.G.M. is in August, and only financial members are entitled to vote. New members as from April 86 are financial for the next year.

HAPPY HOUR

Thank you to Wilena Art Gallery for Happy Hour on the 4th May. A pleasant morning, and a good response.

HOUSE INSPECTIONS NOVEMBER

Several committee members are looking into possible venues. Hope to have more on this in the next Bulletin. We will then call for volunteers to act as stewards at each of the homes listed. Tentative date is the first Saturday or Sunday in November.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, 19th June, Birthday Party, Bassett's, 297 Glebe Point Road, at 7p.m for 7.30p.m. Three course dinner is offered at \$18 per head, and BY.O. Reservations with Gwen on 660 4825 and Edwina on 660 7066. Pay Mike at door.

URGENT PUBLIC MEETING

NEW HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

SATURDAY 31 MAY- 8p.m.

19 TOXTETH ROAD- UNITING CHURCH HALL

A development application for an entirely new 27 bed hospital to be built on the vacant land on the corner of Glebe Point and Wigram Roads has been submitted to Leichhardt Council. Objections must be lodged by 4 June.

As this is a major and controversial development that concerns a public amenity, the planning sub-committee has decided to call a public meeting to allow public examination of the proposal and free discussion.

The board of the hospital has attempted to restrict public discussion by making the plans available for the minimum legal period. This is your first and only chance to discuss the expenditure of \$1.6 million of public money on a community health project in Glebe.

BACKGROUND

Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital is a public hospital, the smallest in Sydney. It was founded through a bequest, and for many years the income from the bequest has been accumulating until it now stands at well over \$1 million. The recurrent expenses of the hospital are met in the usual way, using taxpayer's money.

Homoeopathic Hospital has a chequered history. The terms of the bequest allow the practice of homoeopathic medicine, but this type of medicine is not recognised by the A.M.A.

The 27 bed hospital has few facilities apart from one operating theatre, and very low running expenses per bed. Apart from minor operations, often on children, the hospital caters mainly for the aged. It fulfils a role somewhat like Greenwich Rehabilitation Hospital without much rehabilitation. Because it is much used by local G.P.'s, the Glebe Society fought to keep the hospital open during widespread closures a few years ago.

Two years ago the hospital lay board began to consider ways of spending the accumulated bequest under threat from the Health Commission that otherwise the money would be lost to the Homoeopathic board. The greatest need in the area is, by common agreement, a day care centre for the frail aged.

THE PRESENT PROPOSAL

Instead of building a care centre, as might have been expected, the lay board decided to build an entirely new hospital occupying all the vacant block.

The operating theatre and recovery room remain in the old hospital building and would be serviced by a lift. The remainder of the original hospital is given over to staff facilities and on the ground floor, a day care centre with a one storey extension at the back with facilities for the handicapped.

ISSUES

The proposal is only one of a number of possible solutions to the problem of improving hospital facilities and providing a day care centre. It is not necessarily the most efficient, economical, effective or attractive solution. As there is so little time, a public meeting is the best way to ensure the community has a chance to discuss the present proposal and alternatives.

PLEASE make every effort to come. The board, medical practitioners, hospital staff, welfare staff, Council aldermen and staff, the architects (Warren Samut Pty Ltd) will all be invited to present their views.



DESTRUCTION OF CROSS STREET SHOP

One of the few remaining corner shops in Forest Lodge, no longer used as a shop and owned by Children's Hospital was demolished on Thursday, 22 May. The dwelling had been slightly damaged by a truck. Leichhardt Council approved demolition with unseemly haste. Perhaps we can look forward to another car park.



CLUB TABLE

Eleven members attended Aniello's Restaurant for our first monthly dinner on 19th May. A good time was had by all. A noisy lot. Fulvia, our hostess has offered members of the Glebe Society a 10% discount when dining at the restaurant, on presentation of the current Bulletin. Our thanks to fellow member Maurice Ireland for suggesting this relaxed social occasion.

DINING IN STYLE

The days of fine dining have not passed. I recently experienced one of these delights. The dining table groaned under a weight of cutlery, wine glasses, water glasses and condiments. A Mozart Sonata provided the background music. A pre-dinner Champagne was served. When the nine guests were seated a Fish salad on a bed of lettuce together with warm crunchy rolls was presented. The wine glasses were filled with a Wolf Blass Reisling. Next came Mozečňové Polévka (soup), served with croutons. Before the main course a Blue Cheese salad to cleanse the palate for Beef in a creamed Dill sauce, accompanied by Bread Dumplings. There was a choice of sweets, Vacherin Primevera (almond meringue torte, filled with praline cream) or an Austrian Coffee Rum Cake, liberally doused with Rum and filled with whipped rum cream. A cheese platter was presented, but as everyone wanted to taste both sweets, the cheese was ignored. Coffee arrived with home made chocolate Mint Leaves. It was a most enjoyable night, with conversation and an interesting menu full of new tastes.

MONDAY GROUP

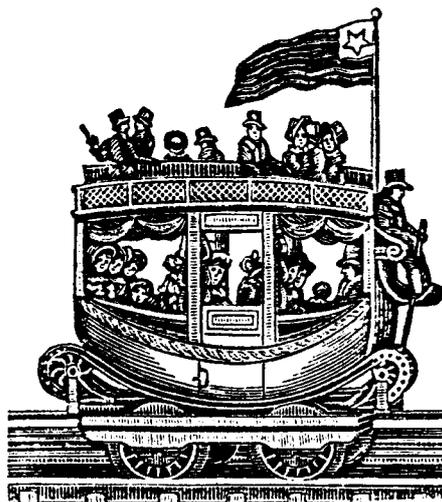
The next meeting of the Monday Group will be lunch at the home of Leete Rose, 200 Glebe Point Road, 16th June, 12 noon. Bring lunch for one person.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

Next recital planned for Sunday, 10th August. \$5.50 adults, Pensioners \$3.00. Afternoon tea is included.

BICENTENNIAL PARK

On Saturday 24 May the Save Rozelle Bay committee set up a display at the shopping centre at the top of Wigram Road. The disastrous consequences of the MSB land grab, lamely agreed to by Leichhardt Council, were clearly revealed. Many people studied the display and talked to those giving information, who included half a dozen Glebe Society members, and then signed the petition. Some also joined the Society. This success will soon be repeated.



MARCH AGAINST MONORAIL

Reportage on the numbers who took part in the march against the Monorail was at great variance, ranging from 2,000 to 6,000. Which side are you on?

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members:

Ms Alice Waten &
Ms Joy Lee
15 Allen Street, Glebe.

John & Katherine Buck
9 Alexandra Road, Glebe

Mr & Mrs Keith and Shirley Helmer
16/12 Leichhardt Street, Glebe

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

FOR 1986/7.

Renewal form enclosed.

A.G.M. IN AUGUST

Household \$12

Individual \$10

Student/Pens. \$4

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday - 16 June, Monday Group - Noon - 3p.m. 200 Glebe Point Road.

Thursday - 19 June, Birthday Party, Bassett's, 207 Glebe Point Road, 7p.m. for 7.30p.m

Monday - 23 June, Dining at Aniellos, 284 Bridge Road, 6.30p.m.

Wednesday - 25 June, Committee Meeting, 7.30p.m. 224 Bridge Road.

Friday - 27 June, Singalong and Meet the members night - Toxteth Street, 7.30p.m.

Wednesday - 6 August, A.G.M. 7.30p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

Sunday - 10 August, St. John's Church Recital.

URGENT PUBLIC MEETING NEW HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL,

Saturday - 31 May, 8 p.m., 19 Toxteth Road, Uniting Church Hall.

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

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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 sub-committee on any matter concerning The Glebe, contact Edwina Doe, 660 7066 (H) 922 3877 (W)

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