



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

Box 100, Glebe 2037

NO 9 OF 86

OCTOBER

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

## A.G.M.

Thanks to members who attended the recent A.G.M. It was a successful evening, made more so by having a full house. The committee looks forward to an active year, with a full compliment of committee members.

## WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Three new committee members were welcomed at the last meeting. Andres Wood who will be in charge of Membership Lists. Doug Disher who is co-ordinating with the President and other members as Secretary. Ian Edwards is heading the History Group and the follow through with the numerous inquiries we receive about Glebe History. Mita Marisich was absent, we look forward to welcoming her next month.

## THANK YOU

The President and members extend their thanks to our going committee members for their support, efforts and time over the past years. Thank you.

## XMAS PARTY XMAS PARTY XMAS PARTY XMAS PARTY

Wednesday, 3rd December, Venue Ragtime. Cost \$28 per person, \$18 Pensioners. The prices quoted cover a banquet, in delightful surroundings, the whole Restaurant for us, Red and White Wine and Champagne included. Next Bulletin we will give you the Menu and a photograph of the spread, (if we can reproduce it). We will then want your bookings with your cheques. Be sure to get your bookings in early as numbers are limited.

## PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITY SERVICES

Society members, especially those who are Dept of Housing Tenants, are invited to the monthly meetings at the Community Room in Mitchell Street to discuss provision of community services. Please ring Rebecca Richardson (Dept of Housing) on 652 9600 to find out about the next meeting (usually held on second Thursdays at 10a.m.)

## GLEBE THEATRE PROJECT- A REVIVAL

Some of you may remember that in January, 1982, The Glebe Theatre Project put on a production of 'Children of the Wolf', by John Peacock, in the small hall at the Glebe Town Hall.

We formed a co-operative, had fund-raising events, had a thrust stage erected, hired lighting, and scrounged or borrowed other equipment. The Glebe Society and other people donated cash or advertised in our programme. This was organised and put on within three months.

It was very successful. We had a talented director and the critics rated the play one of the four best performances for the Festival of Sydney, 1982.

We tried to have a small permanent theatre in Glebe, but with the exception of the Mayor, the Council had other ideas. The Theatre project folded.

We would like to try again. Perhaps there is a hall in Glebe which may be suitable for a small theatre.

If anyone is interested, please contact me, 660 0491

A performance of my play "Visions for Sale", will be produced in January, 1987, hopefully at a small inner city theatre or hall. Anyone interested in a voluntary capacity to help this venture, by organising fund raising, front of house duty, printing, graphs, etc. please phone 660 0491.

Merle Larcombe.

## BREWERY PLANS FOR INCINERATOR

The Sun Herald, SEPT 14, 1986

An incinerator designed by Walter Burley Griffin may be restored to house a brewery and restaurant near Darling Harbour.

Sydney Council has been offered \$1.35 million to sell the incinerator site overlooking Blackwattle Bay, Pyrmont, to Balmain Brewery Ltd. The company, formed in 1983, has established a brewery at Rozelle and hopes to sell beer in Sydney before Christmas.

Griffin, the architect who planned Canberra, designed 12 incinerators in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide in the early 1930's.

Michael Grealy.

### HISTORY WRITING SEMINAR

Fellowship of Australian Writers are conducting a seminar on writing history. Venue is 1st Floor, Legacy House, 169 Elizabeth Street. The dates are Tuesday Oct 28, Wednesday, Oct 29, 10 a.m. - 3p.m. With a Bonus Tour on Thursday, of the State Library. The cost of the Seminar is \$25 per day. Lunch provided. Enquiries 49 8297, 90 48 4856, 546 1814 or A.S.A.E. to Box 3448, G.P.O. Sydney, 2001.

### HISTORY RESEARCH

We have many inquiries from people wanting information about their ancestors who lived in Glebe. Ian Edwards has volunteered to lead in this area. Are there any members who have the time and interest, who would enjoy searching records. If so contact Ian or one of the committee members.

### HISTORY QUERIES

Hilary J. Kelman asks if there is anyone who can help her find out the history of 14 Oxley Street, Glebe. The Richmond Fellowship own this house and it provides Half-Way House Care. Hilary would be grateful for any information, books or papers that may be relevant. She can be contacted at 8 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga, 2076

000

From Mrs Helen Bull, 24 Arthur Street, Whitfield. Cairns, 4870. Mrs Bull is endeavouring to compile a history of her family, who had their beginnings in the suburb of Glebe. Her Gt.Gt. Grandfather was Thomas (Alexander) Lapper and his wife Ann lived in Grose Street, Glebe. There were 12 children, some of whom died early. Thomas was a cabinet maker, and died at his home 8/8/1867 at 44 years.

Is any information available on life in Glebe between 1850 -1870?

Are there any Post Office Directories where my ancestor may be listed?

Is there an early map of Glebe?

Mrs Bull is prepared to pay for any Photograph postage etc.

### HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Letter from Ann Beedell, 17E Colville Tce, London, W11 2BF, United Kingdom.

Ann is working in London on an Honours M.A. in history. She has extensive research experience, not only as a writer and student, but also as a trained librarian.

Ann is particularly familiar with the British Library Book, manuscript, print and music collections as well as with all facets of the Public Records Office, Births Deaths, Marriages, Wills etc.

Ann is available to do research work for those members who are engaged in historical research at very reasonable rates.

Mrs M.L. MacNevin, of 233 Denham Street, Rockhampton, Q., 4700, is trying to trace the history of an ancestor. A David Herron, who died on 17/12/1910, at 54 Bellevue Street, Glebe. His occupation was carrier. His daughter married Robert Maxwell, and in 1910 their address was 52 Forsyth Street.

David's children were Mary Jane, Margaret. William J. Martha, Sarah, Robert J, and Emily.

If any member has any reference to these people or their descendants, or has any information on the local carriage trade in the early 1900's, I would like to write to them, or ring me reverse charges, (079) 27 7880.

Margaret MacNevin

The Society thanks Mrs MacNevin for her donation.

### LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Celebrates Australian Library Week between the 17-25 October 1986.

Also Janet Reske's "The A To Z Genealogical Handbook" will be launched, Thursday, 23rd October, 7 p.m., at Balmain Meeting Hall, Balmain Town Hall, 370 Darling Street, Balmain. Enquiries, 560 9346

### LIBRARY SERVICE

Service available at the Glebe Library (a branch of the Leichhardt Library) include a large collection of audio cassettes, which contain a wide collection of recorded books for people whose sight is impaired. There is a collection of large print books, art prints and posters. And a special collection of literature for young adults. The toy library allows parents to borrow toys, games and puzzles for children. Other services include a community information centre, a story time for pre-school children and after school children.

### GLEBE FAIR

In Foley Park on Saturday, 9th March. The Society will have a trading table. We will need your unwanted goods on that day, for a successful fund raiser.

### FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE WATCH HOUSE

The Watch House in Darling Street, Balmain is open every Friday night from 8p.m. for a BYO social evening. The Balmain Society would welcome members from The Glebe Society who would care to join them

## MANSFIELD AND BELL STREETS

Members will recall the Ian Evans proposals for these streets and adjacent lanes published in the July Bulletin to encourage thought and discussion.

A report to Council from M. Alagich, Municipal Engineer, dated 9th Sept, 1986 summarises public comment and makes recommendations. Here are some observations on that report.

About 250 people made a response. This includes petitioners and letters signed by several persons or on behalf of households. This is the largest response to any traffic proposal in Glebe in recent years.

### IN FAVOUR

1. About 100 people supported the proposals as they stood, or with only minor modifications. (15 by letter, 85 by petition)

2. Another 90 people did not want the half-closure of Bell and Mansfield Streets, but wanted No left turn signs in morning peak Monday through Friday.

### AGAINST

About sixty people objected to the proposal but made no alternative suggestion. At least a dozen of these are known to be in favour of No Left Turn signs.

It is clear from the number of respondents that concern about traffic problems in this area is widespread. At least eighty percent of respondents want some restriction to present through traffic filtering off Wigram Road. This percentage may be even higher.

However, it is clear that more than half the respondents thought access for residents would be too severely restricted by half-closures.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The report acknowledges that Peak Hour No Left Turn restrictions would gain almost total support, but refuses to recommend these, on the grounds that they are difficult to police and would be ignored by many people.

The report also acknowledges the widespread support for reduction in through traffic using Wigram Road, but claims restrictions at the corner of Minogue Crescent - Wigram Road, would be even more difficult.

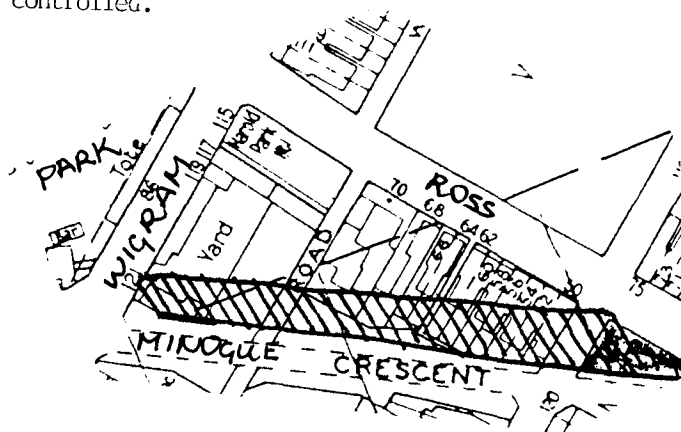
The report supports instead the widening of Minogue Crescent between Wigram Road and Ross Street. This is a short section with only one lane each way (see map)

In fact this proposal would have very little effect on through traffic entering Wigram Road. In peak hour traffic already builds up from the Ross Street - Bridge Road intersection back to Wigram Road, and another lane would accommodate only a dozen vehicles. Widening would destroy about seven houses and a small park with two fine Port Jackson figs. The Society has therefore written to Leichhardt Council pointing out that

the suggested widening is both useless and destructive. It is a good indication of the level of competence in traffic management at Leichhardt Council that such a suggestion should be mooted. Members should write to:

The Divisional Engineer  
Dept. of Main Roads  
2 Dind Street  
Milsons Point.

opposing this suggestion as this road is LR controlled.



### GLEBE TRAFFIC STUDY

The previous Council recognised the need for a study of traffic flow through Leichhardt Municipality, such as has been done by most Councils. Passivity, fatalism and indifference, as well as a fawning desire to oblige powerful ministers and public authorities at any cost, had led to a situation where many local roads, nearly always much narrower than local roads in more recently developed areas, were carrying through traffic. The situation grew worse each year.

Council staff did not have the expertise to undertake any major study. It still doesn't.

Unfortunately, the quality of the studies that were done was not high, probably because Council chose unwisely and did not pay enough. The consultants had little expertise in inner city areas. Their surveys were designed for suburbs further out, and consultation with residents was seldom successful. The result was an understandable disillusionment with traffic studies generally, and the study for Glebe was deferred until those for the whole remainder of the Municipality were assessed. This assessment has now been done.

The result is that there is still no traffic study or plan for Glebe, and although Council is no better equipped than before to manage traffic, both the Glebe aldermen and Municipal Engineer are opposed to any study and have attacked the Society for suggesting that Council carry out its promise. The Society nevertheless maintains the view that a competent study must be made and a plan prepared.

Neil Macindoe



### THE GLEBE

I have a clipping from the Sydney Morning Herald, an article by John Doherty. Unfortunately the contributor did not date the clipping. In any case, John Doherty begins his article, "Glebe is not the prettiest of Sydney suburbs." I think we could argue this point, who needs pretty when we have so much atmosphere. He also says, "many of the homes need a fresh coat of paint." If one strolls around the streets of Glebe, there are many houses which are in the process of being renovated, including the Department of Housing Project. Derwent Street, is looking good. What the article does point out, is the sign of the times. John Doherty mentions the days when Real Estate men were asking \$1 a week rent for a small 1 bedroom flat. He also adds that in the late 1940s a group of seven terraced houses in St. Johns Road was sold for \$7,700. Another quote from the article, "Developers at Glebe are hampered by tenants who refuse to leave. more than one development plan has been shelved for this reason." They not only have the tenants to confront now, but also the watchdogs of Glebe - The Glebe Society. We are watchful of the Glebe History becoming rubble, for all the hideous hi-rise, which I am sure won't stand up to the test of time, as our hundred year old houses of Glebe have.

### HANSON CAB

It is proposed that on the 8th November we hire 4 Hansom Cabs - for a ride down to Glebe Point Road and around the back streets - Joss House etc., and back to St. Johns Road. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. In the mean time, we would like people to indicate their interest by ringing Alan Hunt on 660 2407. The cost of the rides will be \$10 adult and \$5 children. The 8th November is Glebe Fair Day, therefore we can combine the two events. I think it is a great idea, and should be a fun ride. Book as soon as possible with Alan, he will then have some idea of the feasibility of this venture. Also Alan could draw up a time table. If your bookings are in early, we can put them in the next Bulletin.

### MONO RAIL STATIONS

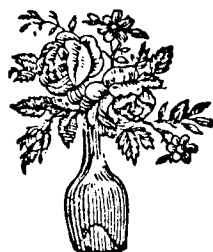
Option to beat plan delays. Stations will be built in Sydney streets, if talks fail to resolve delays over the siting of stations inside key buildings. Escalators will take passengers to the platforms which will be almost 30 metres long. The city streetscape will be in a worse state than under the present plans.

### NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust has adopted a new emblem. A gum leaf motif has been chosen, because of its strong reference to the Australian environment.



**NATIONAL TRUST**



### HERITAGE WEEK 87

Sunday 5th April in Sydney's Macquarie Street is the official opening day for Heritage Week 87. The Hunter Valley Steamfest is planned for Sat. and Sunday, April 11, and 12th.

### FEELING LAZY

You can ring Dial-a-Dino's, order a pizza and they will deliver it to your door. There are seven varieties, and twenty toppings. Delivery is guaranteed in thirty minutes, or your money back. They are in Burwood, and say they will deliver anywhere. 745 3711.

### MONDAY GROUP.

The next meeting of the Monday Group will be a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens on 20th October. Meet at Woolloomooloo Gates, Mrs Macquarie Road, at 11 a.m. Bring own lunch or buy at Kiosk. If raining meet in foyer of the Art Gallery.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members. We invite you to participate in our varied activities.

B. & L. Hart, Sue Johnson & Phillip Daniels  
Geoff Wyatt, Doug & Sue Disher, Robert & Rosita Baker.

Eric & Shirley Graham, Alison & Victor Kellehan  
Christine & Michael Newton, Dr. John F. Tinkler  
Richard & Robyn Hawken.

QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING

Opens on November 18th 1986. The real opening will be sometime in February, with a glamorous ball held in this historic building.

DEAD LINE

For next Bulletin, the November, issue is 24th October.

*LYNDHURST DRAWN 692-8386*

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

Ian Edwards - 660 6406

Planning

Alan Robertson - 660 6149

Traffic

Jeannette Knox - 660 7781

Monday Group

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)

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 15 October, Committee Meeting, at Lyndhurst, Dhargan Street, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 1 October, Monorail demonstration outside Parliament House. Further details later.

Monday, 20 October, Monday Group, Meet at Woolloomooloo Gates, - Mrs Macquarie Road, 11 a.m.

Saturday, 8 November, Glebe Fair in Foley Park. Glebe Society Stall.

Saturday, 8 November, Possible Hansom Cab rides. On the drawing board.

Wednesday, 3 December, Xmas Party, Ragtime Restaurant. Further details next Bulletin.

January, 1987 Glebe Theatre Project, Date to be confirmed.

May, 1987, House Inspections. Date to be confirmed.

FROM THE STANMORE SOCIETY

The Stanmore Society abhors the demolition of Roses Emporium on the corner of Railway Street and Parraratta Road on 24th August 1986. This architecturally significant property was included in Parrickville Council's own Heritage Study, classified by the National Trust and subject to a Heritage Order issued on the 14th August, 1986, five days prior to the granting of a demolition order by Parrickville Council.

In view of the circumstances surrounding the demolition of Roses Emporium, the Stanmore Society believes it appropriate that each elected representative and each senior paid officer of Parrickville Council signs a statutory declaration stating that he or she had no interest, direct or indirect, in the demolition of Roses Emporium or its proposed redevelopment.

Stanmore Society Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Edwina Doe 660 7066 (H) 922 3877 (W)
Immediate Past Pres.	Neil Macindoe 660 0208
Sen. Vice Pres.	Eileen Lacey 692 0173
Jun. Vice Pres.	John Stander 692 9927 (H)
Secretary	Doug Disher 690 1933 (H) 660 1044 (W)
Treasurer	Mike Curtis 692 9416 (H)
Committee	
	Alan Hunt 660 2407 (H)
	Andrew Wood 660 2194 (H)
	Ian Edwards 660 6406 (H)
	Nita Marisich 662 4511 (W)
Bulletin Editor	Gwen Geschmay 660 4825 (H) 264 1933 (W)
New Members Rep.	John Stander 692 9927 (H)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS HOUSEHOLD \$12, INDIVIDUAL \$10, PENSIONERS AND STUDENTS \$4. FOR INFORMATION RING JOHN STANDER - 692 9927 A.H.