

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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XMAS PARTY

You have no excuse not to be present at this years party. Everyone gets a gift --- A REDUCTION IN PRICE. Members pay only \$25 and Pensioners \$18.

Committee voted that the party this year would be subsidised. Bookings must be made early and money paid prior to the 3rd December. Make life a little easier for the organisers and get your booking and money as per form enclosed with this Bulletin. Post to The Glebe Society, Xmas Party, Box 100, Glebe, 2037. Write the date in your Diary and be there 3rd December, 7 p.m. Ragtime Restaurant. Darling Street. See you there.

XMAS PARTY MENU

The Xmas Banquet will include on the menu, - Oysters, Crab, whole baked Fish, King Fish, Sardines, Roast Quail, Roast Beef, Pork, Lamb, Beef and Pork Barbecued Spare Ribs, Bratwurst, Whitewurst, Kransky, Ham, Tabouli, Mussel and Pasta Salad, Plus assorted salads. For Dessert a Crocque en Bouche. Plus red and white wine, and Champagne. I urge you to get your bookings in early.

FOLEY PARK FAIR

Remember 8th November, Foley Park. The Glebe Society are manning a stall, garage type sale. Bring along your unwanted, (I don't mean husbands/wives) - goods, or should I say goodies.

FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 1986

On Tuesday November 18th at 7.30 p.m the committee will meet at Lyndhurst, in Darghan Street. As this is our final meeting before the Xmas break, the committee extends a special invitation to all members to join us. The business side will be dealt with promptly and then we can mix and mingle and may be the members can give the committee some useful ideas, suggestions for the forthcoming year. We look forward to welcoming a huge crowd. Let's get to know each other.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR THIS OCCASION.

HANSOM CABS

Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled. It was costly and the support was in doubt.

NEW SYSTEM BULLETIN MAILING

After a year's sorting and sifting by several members our membership lists are in order, and our mailing list has now been fine tuned, by Andrew Wood. In future, to simplify labelling, where there are two members to a household, the Bulletin label will be addressed to the person's initial which appears first on our listing. If it reads Mr. and Mrs A.G. and G. J. Smith, or B. Smith and A Smith, the label will read A.G. Smith, or B. Smith.

Whilst on the subject of membership, there are many old friends missing on our lists, who have not rejoined. We are hoping this is an oversight on your part and you will be renewing.

SEASONS GREETINGS EXTENDED TO ALL MEMBERS. AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

BI-CENTENNIAL PARK

On 23rd July, the Minister for Public Works and Parks, Laurie Brereton announced that the Maritime Service Board Workshop would not be built on the Annandale side of the Bi-centennial Park and that the land swap proposed had been scrapped. He instructed the M.S.B. to consult with the parks environment, the M.S.B. industry, and Leichhardt Council to determine future use of the land.

Being uncertain as to what the announcement meant

1. the whole site was now available for park; or
2. None of the site was available for the park.

We sought clarification. We learnt that for the moment none of the site had been secured for the park.

Three of our members (Tony Larkum, Neil Macindoe and John Buckingham) joined a deputation to express our concern to our local member, Pat Hills. He assured us of his continued support for the park, and will try to organize a meeting for us with Laurie Brereton. Our most recent information suggests that the entire site proposed for the Bi-centennial Park will become available, but there may be a trade off in the form of a marina on the northern shore of Rozelle Bay. Naturally we receive with joy the the information that the entire site is likely to become available for the park. However, we will demand that any marina proposed enhances the amenity provided by the park, and in no way detracts from it. We will be particularly alert to the effect the marina (or any trade off proposal) has on traffic, parking, noise.

MUSIC RECITAL IN "HISTORY HOUSE"

Sunday, 7 December at 3p.m. there will be a recital by Katherine Gibney (piano), John Underwood (violin), and Philip Palm-Peipuren (violin). You may book with the Royal Australian Historical Society, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, PH. 27 8001. Members of R.A.H.S \$7.50 Non members \$10. Includes afternoon tea.

HOUSE INSPECTIONS

It has been suggested that this takes place next May. Is there a small sub-committee prepared to get this venture underway.? This is a good fund raiser, and a lot of interest in Glebe is raised.

VALE GLADYS REED

We were all sad to hear of the death of Gladys Reed who was a very active member of the Glebe Society when she lived in Mitchell Street and was on our Committee. We extend our sincerest sympathies to her family.

GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL MARKET DAY

On Saturday, 22nd November, the Glebe High School will have a market day with all variety stalls. If you want your own stall contact the school. If not, come along and support your local activities. And pick up a few bargains.

CLOSING DATE FOR BULLETIN

Closing date for February Bulletin is Thursday, 22nd January, 1987.

PLAYREADING GROUP

A small but enthusiastic group met for the first time in October to read the Doctor In spite of Himself, a play by Moliere. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday November, 16th, at 8p.m. and we will be reading Williamson's play, 'Travelling North'. The December meeting will be on Sunday, 14th, play to be advised. New members are welcome. If you would like to join us, call me on 692 0101.

Sue Johnson.

MONDAY GROUP

The next meeting of the Monday Group, on 17th November, will be the last for 1986 and is our Christmas Party. It will be a Captain Cook Harbour Cruise from 12.30 - 2 pm. The fare is \$10, or \$7 concession. Lunch is \$10. Meet at No. 6 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 12 noon. Please confirm your booking with Hazel Williams, 660 3986, by 10th November.

CORRECTION

Last Bulletin page 3.

2. Another 910 people did not want the half closure of Bell and Mansfield Streets,....

Should have read Another 90 people.

ANOTHER WENTWORTH PARK

Members will recall the plans to "improve" Harold Park at a cost of \$5 million, approved by the present Council. Leichhardt Council now plans to lease substantial areas of Federal and Jubilee Parks to the NSW Trotting Club for carparking, initially for five years.

Attendances at Harold Park have been gradually declining, and there are other indications as well that the "industry" is dying. In the United States attendance at trotting and greyhound tracks is also very low, as punters save themselves the entrance fee and parking problems and watch races on the telly. NSW Government policy of providing massive grants (\$25 in Glebe alone) for tracks that are already the pariahs of racing in this state would not appear to be very sensible, therefore:

Leichhardt Council's attempts to prop up Harold Park are equally misguided. The parking area inside the track is never full, and parking is also available near the tramsheds. Council, however, prefers to encourage punters and bookies to use a public park, and hopes to raise about \$6000 in the process. At the same time as Council is giving away open space for carparks, it is supposed to be arguing for more open space on Rozelle Bay for a Bicentennial Park, since the Municipality has the third lowest proportion of open space in the Sydney region.

The consequences of this policy can already be seen at Wentworth Park, where large areas are used for carparking, and are consequently useless for other purposes. Areas at the edge of the Park are now used all day as carparks, in addition to race meetings, public transport strikes, and other great events.

The areas of Federal and Jubilee Parks Council intends to lease are not the most beautiful sections of these parks, and both have been used as carparks before. The Jubilee Park section is an asphalted area next to the goodsline off Maxwell Road. It serves mainly

as a velodrome for teenage bike riders and a lookout over Johnston's Creek for strollers. A gunman used it as a shooting range earlier this year when he tried to kill an off-duty policeman after a race-meeting earlier this year. In 1984 the Society supported a proposal to turn this area into tennis courts, but nothing further was heard.

The section of Federal Park is the area between The Crescent and Johnston's Creek, used mainly by joggers, dog-owners and more determined walkers. The combined area is about 8000²

Both the Glebe Society and the Annandale Association have opposed the leasing of public parkland to the NSW Trotting Club before, but this time, with your help, we believe we can succeed in putting an end to this unnecessary, destructive and corrupting practice. You can assist by expressing your views to these aldermen: Ald. Brady, 810 6923 Ald. Page, 818 3050 Ald. Thompson (H) 660 1226 (W) 267 9288 Ald Cawley, 660 3420 A message can be left for the absentee Ald Mitchell on 660 4683.

INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL MATERIAL INC.

(Extract) Is concerned with the long-term preservation of the nation's cultural collections. These collections are deteriorating due to ignorance and neglect, even if aware of the problems, conservation work is unable to be carried out due to lack of facilities and trained conservators. The I.C.C.M. is equally concerned with historical structures and sights.

With Bicentenary only fifteen months away the I.C.C.M. has introduced 'Conservation on the Move', a state wide conservation service for local government and community, to highlight the importance of our cultural heritage.

Over the next eighteen months it is the I.C.C.M.'s intention to assist as many local Municipal Councils, educational historical, religious and business organisations as possible. We intend to hold seminars and workshops related to the general care of collections and individual items. The workshops will be run by conservators currently employed in public museums, galleries, libraries and in private areas. If you would like further information you can ring 225 1773 or Sue Valis 339 8213.

PALM TREES

Four mature palms, probably aged about 80 years, were removed from the Homoeopathic Hospital's vacant block on the corner of Glebe Point and Wigram Roads on Thursday morning, 23rd October.

The palms have allegedly been sold to the Darling Harbour Authority and are reported to be in the care of Alpine Nurseries. The Society attempted to have them retained, but the Heritage Council would not conserve them as most were not native and they were not associated with an outstanding building. The Society has photographs of the palms and will attempt to keep track of them. The Hospital sold the palms (no details are available) rather than move the proposed hospital block back about two metres from the road. The Board has promised to plant new palms of the same species.

The Society is concerned that any mature trees should be removed from our area, and feels that it is totally inappropriate that areas under great environmental pressure, as is Glebe, should be denuded to gratify the grandiose schemes of politicians.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

For many years, maintenance of playground equipment in Glebe's parks has consisted largely of a coat of paint. At the beginning of 1986, in the David Street playground in Forest Lodge, a small child was concussed when a rusted bolt broke and a swing collapsed. The resulting outcry from exasperated parents and other residents has led to a change of attitude on the part of Leichhardt Council. The dangerous climbing frames have been removed from playgrounds and the Deputy Engineer, Peter Head, has assured the Society that money has been allocated for new, safe equipment to be introduced beginning in the new financial year, and that residents will be consulted before it is installed.

This of course does not relieve Council of the responsibility of ensuring existing equipment is safe. Please report damaged equipment or injuries to children to the Deputy Engineer or to Ward Aldermen.

ILLEGAL DEMOLITIONS AND BUILDING

Two Victorian single-storey terraces in Burton Street have been completely gutted prior to receiving Council redevelopment consent.

As a result, Council has apparently revoked consent. There is no doubt that a very pro-development approach, such as that now being taken by the present Council, is a dangerous one to adopt in a conservation area such as Glebe, no matter how strong the controls. It encourages developers to believe these controls will not be enforced.

The approval of advertising signs and unsightly facades and additions also encourages developers to believe Council is indifferent to the appearance of the area.

THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN

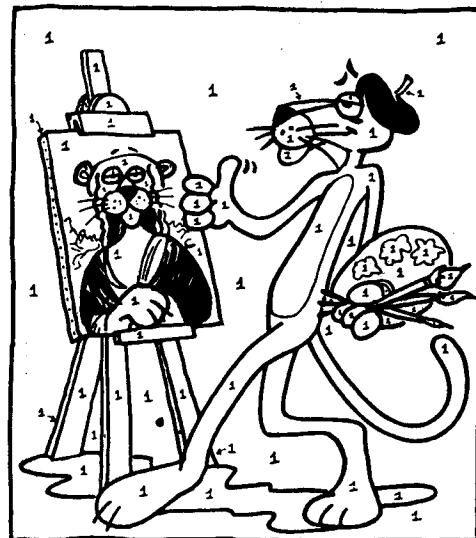
The bright pink paint which is the trademark of the Pink Panther Printers was acceptable on the commercial building which they used to occupy on the corner of Ross Street and Parramatta Road. When the same pink paint was used on the raw brick of the old building on the corner of Derwent Street and Parramatta Road, it was a different matter. The building is now an eyesore. Surely pink woodwork or a pink fascia would have sufficed and could have been repainted in a more suitable colour when the building's occupants change.

Presumably no planning permission is needed for paintwork. If this is the case, a code of acceptable colours, such as those used on the Glebe Estate, should be implemented and enforced.

This Bulletin is no longer printed by the Pink Panther.

for the Artist in all of us...

COLOR ME PINK!



COLOR KEY: 1 = PINK

DARLING HARBOUR (COCKLE BAY) CARPARKS

When proposals for Cockle Bay were first announced the emphasis was on attractions and facilities.

There was to be plenty of open space, a chinese garden and a lake with water organ. There was no casino, just an international hotel; no monorail running through the city, but a "people mover" to link the various attractions.

Even at that early stage the State Government had freed itself from the planning controls it itself had enacted, and the temptation to indulge in a variety of projects likely to cause greater problems if sited elsewhere became overwhelming.

From the beginning the Society argued that the site has poor road access. The freeways soaring overhead were the result of a grandiose and costly system begun too early by an impatient D.M.R. Had they waited a few years, the goods yards would have disappeared and the roads could have been built cheaply and unobtrusively at ground level. A short tunnel under Pymont peninsular could have linked them to Victoria Road, instead of the vast land-consuming eyesore now proposed. The freeways now give no direct access to the development site.

The Society therefore supported effective links with the existing public transport system using existing goodslines. In this way those visiting the new attractions would have an alternative to the narrow congested roads that presently provide the only access.

Since the route of the proposed monorail was announced it has become clear that the original conception for Cockle Bay has been drastically altered. It has now become a series of vast parking lots and stations, probably the largest anywhere. About 6000 car parking spaces are currently planned to be provided by Government, and a number of private developments must be added to these. The most recently proposed car park will be built in the huge woolstores adjacent to the site in Pymont : it will be the largest in Australia at 1600 vehicles.

This project has just been exempted from State planning controls (24 Sept.)

The "people mover" is now simply a shuttle for commuters and shoppers who will park at Cockle Bay and catch the monorail into the City. The monorail connects not with public transport but with major retailers. This will no doubt help to ensure its profitability.

It has now become clear that this enormous increase in available parking in the City area is to be matched by roadworks encouraging people to drive in from long distances. Unfortunately, these roads will not be ready when the carparks are. For example, a replacement Glebe Island Bridge cannot be ready in less than six years from now. In its present form, the Cockle Bay project is therefore likely to increase traffic congestion in the inner city for a considerable time. The construction of the monorail will at the same time reduce the capacity of many city streets permanently.

REFORM THE NRMA

For many years now the NRMA Council has been dominated by representatives trucking or transport companies and their supporters, most of them co-opted rather than elected.

It is not surprising therefore that the NRMA has pursued policies injurious to the Glebe and the inner city generally. These policies include inner urban freeways and the upgrading of inner city streets to encourage more traffic to enter the area. The NRMA has never expressed concern about the effects of traffic on the inner city or supported improved public transport.

Now a group of reformers, generally from inner city areas seriously affected by these policies, are trying to ensure we have a voice in this powerful organisation. If you have not voted already and receive your Bulletin before 7 November, please do yourself a favour and vote for the reform group by: striking out all asterisked candidates (current council members) except Parker, and strike out Wood.

ABSENTEE ALDERMAN

Al. Harry Mitchell, late of Lilyfield, has now moved to Melbourne. However he intends to commute to Sydney for enough Council meetings, now held only half as frequently (once a month), to avoid having to resign before the next Council election, to be held within twelve months.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Richard & Robyn Hawker.

LEICHHARDT'S OWN DARLING HARBOUR?

Leichhardt Council has recently spent half a million dollars of ratepayer's money acquiring additional property near Leichhardt Town Hall. Council has issued an LEP to rezone these properties for Civic purposes, but there have been no plans produced and no explanation of why the properties were acquired. At the same time Council claims it cannot afford to maintain parks and street trees.

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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

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Planning

Alan Robertson - 660 6149

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Jeannette Knox - 660 2407

Monday Group

Sally Nelson - 660 6138

Meet the Members Evenings

Alan Hunt - 6602407

The committee is anxious to form groups to cover 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

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

Monday, 17th November, Monday Group, Xmas break up, A Captain Cook Cruise. See Sally Nelson.

Tuesday, 18th November, Committee Meeting, Lyndhurst, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Saturday, 22nd November, Glebe High School - Market Day.

Wednesday, 3rd December, Xmas Party at Ragtime Restaurant, Darley Street, 7 p.m.

Sunday, 7th December, Musical Recital, Royal Historical Society, 133 Macquarie Street, 3p.m.

Sunday 14th December, Play Reading at Sue Johnsons, 8 p.m. Ring Sue on 692 0101.

Thursday, 22nd January, Closing date for Bulletin contributions.

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