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BICENTENNIAL PARK

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A large part of this Bulletin is devoted to a comprehensive report on the proposed Marina, which could either enhance or destroy the Bicentennial Park, Rozelle Bay and the whole of Glebe, depending on how it is planned.

All members are urged to attend a meeting to discuss the Marina plans and their implications on:

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY, AT 7.30 pm.
in the UNITING CHURCH, TOXTETH ROAD.
(not the Kindergarten)

DONATION TO GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL

The Society has always had a very good relationship with Glebe High School, and especially with the Principal, Ion Porteous.

At the end of last year, the Committee decided to donate \$500 to the school. Mr Porteous has written to say:

'I would be pleased if you would convey to the Glebe Society the School's appreciation of its generous offer of a donation of \$500.

This sum, should the Society approve, we propose to put to the purchase of library books and resources dealing specifically with local and Australian history'.

We certainly approve of this use of the donation.



REGULAR EVENTS - 1987

HAPPY NEW YEAR! To help you to organise your diary, the Committee has planned several events in advance. See 'FOR YOUR DIARY' each month, on the back page of the Bulletin, for further details.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 3rd Tuesday in each month, 7.30pm, at Lyndhurst. All welcome.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - the evening of the Committee Meeting each month, so the Committee can help to decide what goes in.

MONDAY NIGHT OUT - 1st Monday in each month, at 6.30 pm. We will eat our way around the world without leaving Glebe. Members and guests welcome. (Note - 2nd Monday in February, because of short notice.)

MONDAY GROUP - 3rd Monday in each month - outings or social meetings during the day.

MEET THE MEMBERS EVENINGS - 2nd Tuesday in 'odd' months, 7.30 pm, at Lyndhurst - a topical speaker, followed by light refreshments and a gossip.

Watch out for details of other events throughout the year.

BICENTENNIAL PARK

MARINA PROPOSED FOR ROZELLE BAY

The Coastal Branch of the Public Works Department has been charged with designing a marina for Rozelle Bay. The marina is part of a deal between Leichhardt Council and the Maritime Services Board to secure the land necessary for the Bicentennial Park. The land space intended for the marina is the waterfront area between Johnston Street, Annandale, and White's Creek (see map on Page 3 - the western side of the Bay along The Crescent, opposite the mural on the strip of land at present occupied by the crane and small vessels receiving minor repairs) augmented by land reclaimed from the Bay.

The land involved in the marina plan does not encroach at all on the complete Bicentennial Park plan (Leichhardt Council/Bruce Mackenzie 1981) and is land over which we have expressed no territorial ambitions. The Glebe Society has therefore not opposed the marina proposal, but intends to be actively involved in its planning to ensure that the marina in no way diminishes the amenity provided by the Bicentennial Park.

The Glebe Society has made an initial response to the Public Works Department, the Maritime Services Board and Leichhardt Council in the following terms:

INITIAL RESPONSE TO PROPOSED MARINA AT ROZELLE BAY.

The following list results from a spontaneous approach. It does not imply a priority order of demands/suggestions, nor does it represent the definitive position of The Glebe Society (which will not formalise its response until February). It does, though, give the Coastal Branch personnel a sense of attitudes/desires/demands as they work up the proposal.

*The entire Bicentennial Park in its original 1981 (Bruce Mackenzie) form must remain whole and not be encroached upon.

*The passive nature of the Park must not be compromised by activities associated with the marina.

*Every effort should be made to retain the mangrove regeneration (and the resultant encouragement of original birdlife) that is such a positive feature of the Bicentennial Park plan.

*All three options have some merit, but all have demerits as well. This suggests no option should be rejected out of hand, nor should only one serve as the basis for further work. (Although Option 3 does not seem to be viable at this stage because of the attitude of the maritime industries and unions to the northern shore, perhaps in the longer term it will be deemed appropriate for the entire marina proposal to be accommodated along the northern shore.)

*Probably the most offensive feature of the proposal is the assumption that the road to service the northern wharves is a fait accompli - the road is the cause of much of the proposed reclamation.

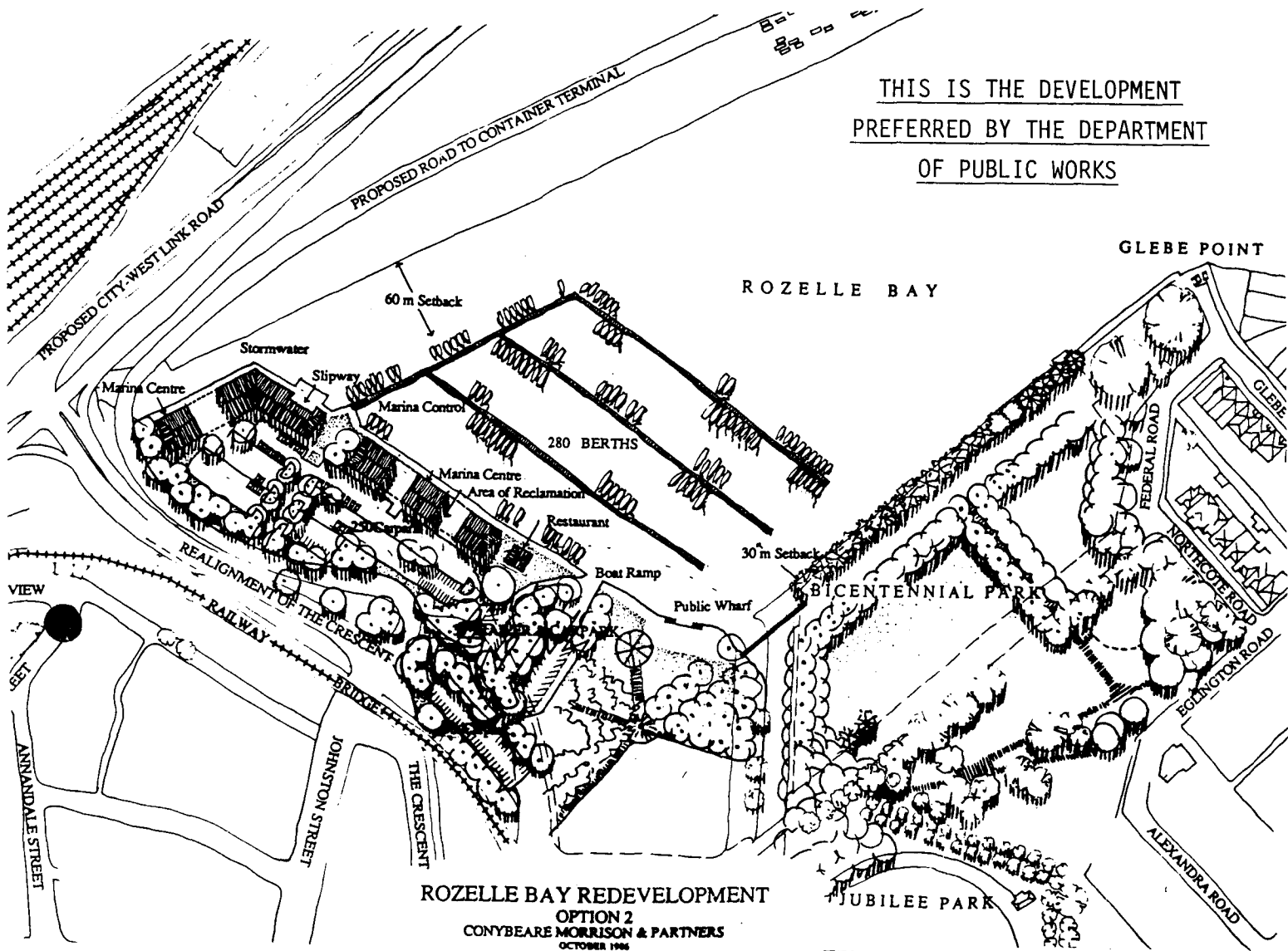
*The marina is unnecessarily large - we understand it would be comfortably commercially viable with 60% of its proposed 300 berths.

*The boat ramp should be eliminated and replaced with a sandy beach suitable for launching toppers and canoes that can be transported on the tops of cars and carried from car-park to water. Parking space should be reduced accordingly.

*The marina berths/pens should be constructed in such a way that entrance and egress for boats should be up the centre of the Bay, away from the southern shore which should be reserved for Glebe Rowing Club training and for the use of other (previously mentioned) small rowing craft.

*Any reclamation that is necessary (and that which is intended to

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PREFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS



accommodate the container wharf road isn't!) should be kept to a minimum and should be carried out under ecological guidance.

As the proposed marina site enjoys excellent harbour and city views for travellers on The Crescent, buildings intended for the site must not impede these views, and must be aesthetically appropriate and pleasing.

In order to reduce the overall area of the marina by reducing the number of car parking spaces on the waterfront site (in turn leading to less reclamation) it is suggested that the adjacent land between Minogue Crescent and the viaduct (at present used for the storage of containers and rusty cars) should be acquired to provide car parking for the marina and Park.

The cement caissons (pontoons) in the middle of the Bay should be removed and replaced with less obtrusive wave buffers.

There is nothing incongruous about boats and boat moorings in Rozelle Bay, but the expectation that such a confined bay should accommodate 300 berths is incongruous. Birkenhead Point, for example, which is not confined in the same way, seems to have far fewer berths than the number being proposed for Rozelle Bay. More casual moorings for far fewer boats and without the commercial marina, would seem to be a more appropriate use of Rozelle Bay.

THE NEXT STEP

The Glebe Society will hold a meeting of members early in February as the basis for a more considered and detailed response.

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY, AT 7.30 pm.
IN THE UNITING CHURCH, TOXTETH ROAD.

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Likely Calendar 1987

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

*The Public Works Department's display is mounted at Leichhardt Council's Administrative Centre, Wetherill Street Leichhardt.

*The 200-page report ROZELLE BAY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS is available at Leichhardt Council, Wetherill Street. (For a more detailed examination, contact John Buckingham or Neil Macindoe to be placed in a queue for one of the copies circulating among Glebe Society members.)

*Individuals can respond directly to the proposal:

Principal Engineer,
Coastal Branch,
Public Works Department,
G.P.O. Box 5280,
SYDNEY 2001.

*The Glebe Society will hold a meeting (advertised elsewhere in this Bulletin) to help formulate its definitive response to the proposal.

MARCH/APRIL

*Detailed plans will be developed by the Coastal Branch of the Public Works Department giving due regard to the views expressed by the local community."

APRIL/MAY

*The Development Application and the Environmental Impact Statement will be placed before Leichhardt Council.

*The Glebe Society will respond to the specific plans.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

*Council's approval for the Development Application contingent upon, and accompanied by, the transfer of waterfront M.S.B. land to Leichhardt Council for the Bicentennial Park.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

*\$500 000 allocation of Bicentenary funds, which was dependent upon Leichhardt Council securing the necessary land for the Park, should now be available to Leichhardt Council.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

*Work on the Bicentennial Park can commence. Completion will be in stages. A substantial part must be completed in 1988 to meet the obligations associated with the receipt of Bicentennial funds. Not all the Park will be begun in 1987 and completed in 1988 because:

- new locations must be found for some of the present lessees;

- Leichhardt Council has insufficient funds at this moment to complete the entire park and needs time to accumulate/seek extra funds.

John Buckingham



THE HORSETROUGH IS BACK!

We thought the horsetrough in St. John's Road was gone for ever. The last we heard of it was that it had been broken while in the care of Leichhardt Municipal Council, who had removed it to prevent its being damaged during renovation of the house nearby.

However it appears that only the pedestal was damaged and this Glebe treasure has now been restored to its old position. Thank you Leichhardt Council.

POCKET PARK IMPROVED

The pocket park on the corner of St. John's Road and Wentworth Park Road looks much better after its recent face-lift.

A NEW GROUP IN GLEBE

Ley Webster, a Society member and also an active member of the recently formed GLEBE COMMUNITY SERVICES PLANNING TEAM has sent us this report.

On May 15th, of last year the DEpt. Housing, following up the questionnaire displayed in the office's window along with the viewing of a prominent and concisley drawn Strategy Plan, held the first meeting of what was to become known as the Glebe Planning Team. The aims and objectives of this enterprise are specifically directed towards implementing ideas beneficial to the community as a whole, improving existing facilities and endeavouring to unite new and long-standing residents of our suburb on a community and social level. Areas concentrated on are particularly the aged and disabled, children's services, youth and recreation activities, child minding and occasional day care centres, parks and open spaces, public transport, health and welfare, adult group involment, Leichhardt Municipal Library, etc.

Representatives from various sections of The Housing Dept, Leichhardt Council, Town Planning, Sport and Recreation, Glebe Citizen's Police Boy's Club, Y.A.C.S., Services, and "Horizons" Youth Group, attended, along with home owners, tenants, Glebe Estate residents, clergy and small business people and have become actively involved.

G.C.P.S. are anxious to welcome a cross section of concerned citizens united in a common cause. The Association is non-political and has no religious affiliations. Members of The Glebe Society are welcome as our goals are identical. The exchange of opinions and ideas would benefit both. Currently the Adult Group meet Monday evenings at the Community Hall, 115 Mitchell Street, (the hall is available for hire). You are all welcome to drop in for coffee and cake.

Monthly singalongs are a regular event. A mini bus takes shoppers to Market Town each Wednesday. An effort is being made to re-route buses to take handicapped householders in the Forest Lodge area to Glenmore Butchery. And it is hoped that a Newsletter can be circulated in the near future. The Glebe's heritage is a treasure to nurture and develop with careful sensitive planning. Monthly meetings are held in the Community Hall, 115 Mitchell Street. Do come along and offer your suggestions towards making Glebe even more special.

The Society wishes the new group well and hopes that we can work together to protect and improve our local environment.

BEST WISHES, ALAN

Alan Hunt has decided to resign from the Committee, so that he can concentrate on his new career. Alan has been a tower of strength for many years. We all hope he will still come to Society gatherings.

Also, we offer our sympathy to Alan at the sad loss of his father, in December.

MONDAY GROUP

The first meeting of the Monday Group for 1987 is MONDAY 16th February, at noon, at the home of Marion Harris, 280 Glebe Point Road. Bring a small plate for lunch. New members always welcome.

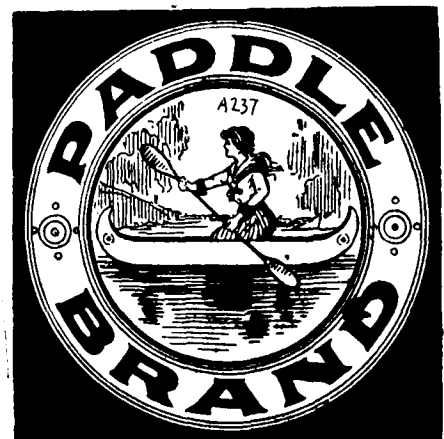
PLAYREADING GROUP

Our last play for 1986 was Heartbreak House by Shaw. We started the new year with an enjoyable evening at Merle Larcombe's reading her play, Visions for Sale, in which she takes a humorous look at life and values in an Australian ashram.

Our next play will be Present Laughter by Noel Coward. The reading will be 7.30p.m. Sunday 8th February, at John O'Connell's home, 3 Lyndhurst Mews, 415 Glebe Point Road. Interested people contact John on 6602816.

The next two dates for readings are expected to be 8th March and 5th April. If anyone would like to choose a play and have a reading in their home, please contact me. 6920101

Sue Johnson



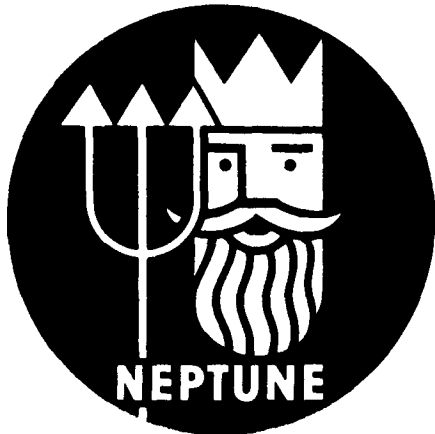
1986 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The last event for 1986 was a great success. Almost 60 members had a most enjoyable evening at Ragtime Restaurant, with good company and delicious food.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and look forward to meeting them at the Society's activities:

Doreen Aujard
Hazel Crawford
David Fraser
M, B & S Horsburgh
Gillian Kearney
Sue Littleton
Timothy Robin
Colin Ross-Munro
Herbert Walker



PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

BICENTENNIAL PARK

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BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

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HAROLD AND WENTWORTH PARKS

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

HISTORY GROUP

Ian Edwards - 660 6406

MONDAY GROUP

Sally Nelson - 660 6138

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

Sunday 8th February, 7.30 pm. - Play-reading - 3/415 Glebe Point Road.

Monday 9th February, 6.30 pm. - Monday Night Out - Bay of Bengal, 1 Ferry Rd. B.Y.O.

Saturday 14th February, 7.30 pm. - Marina Meeting, Uniting Church, Toxteth Road.

Monday 16th February, 12 noon - Monday Group - 280 Glebe Point Road.

Tuesday 17th February, 7.30 pm. - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 2nd March, 6.30 pm. - Monday Night Out - Kim Van Vietnamese Restaurant - 147 Glebe Point Road. B.Y.O.

Tuesday 10th March, 7.30 pm. - Meet the Members Evening - Lyndhurst, Darghan St.

The GLEBE

Guide yourself tours by car & foot

The updated Walking Tour Guide is now available - 40¢ from any Committee member.

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