

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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MEET THE MEMBERS EVENING - LYNDBURST -

TUESDAY 12th MAY, 7.30 pm.

All members are urged to attend this meeting, where our guests will be Max Wilson and other committee members of the Pyrmont/Ultimo Society. They will be giving us a lot of information on the implications of the Darling Harbour and other local planning schemes. Who knows what problems are going to hit us next?

If you find it difficult to get to Lyndhurst in the evening and would like transport, ring Edwina on Monday evening.

We are considering moving the Meet The Members evenings to the Uniting Church, in Toxteth Street, but this will involve a change from the 2nd Tuesday in 'odd' months, as Neighbourhood Watch has a regular booking. When and where would you prefer?

OPINION SURVEY ON MARINA

McNair Anderson, the well-respected Market Research company, recently carried out a door-to-door survey among residents of Glebe and surrounding suburbs. The 10 minute interview included questions on awareness of the Marina and Bicentennial Park, advantages and disadvantages of a 250 berth Marina and the possible use that those answering would make of the Marina and the associated food outlets.

Does anyone know who commissioned the survey?

TRAFFIC IN GLEBE - A MAJOR CAMPAIGN

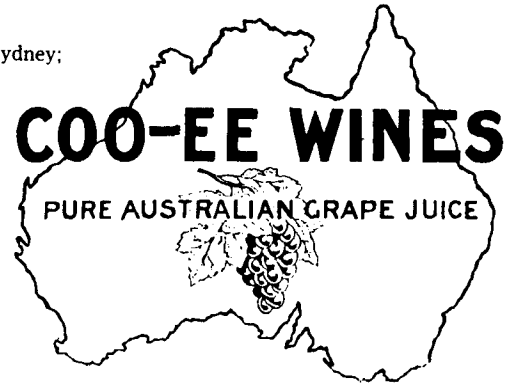
The next project which will be undertaken by the Glebe Society, and one of vital interest to us all, will be a campaign to reduce the impact of through commuter traffic and heavy vehicles on Glebe and to improve public transport.

See P. 2 for more information.

Coo-ee Wines.
Matteo Fiorelli, Sydney;
1925.

COO-EE WINES

PURE AUSTRALIAN GRAPE JUICE



PLEAS FOR HELP PARTIALLY ANSWERED

Betty Wright has kindly offered to return to the Committee in the position of Social Organiser.

Sue Littleton has also said she would like to help, but other commitments prevent her from coming to meetings at the moment. She has begun her involvement with the Society by filing a tremendous backlog of correspondence.

Thank you Betty and Sue. Any more offers?

198 - 206 ST. JOHNS ROAD

The Planning subcommittee, with the valuable assistance of Max Solling, is seeking classification of several of these buildings by the National Trust. Local residents are also working to obtain an Interim Conservation Order. The corner shops particularly are unusual and prominent. Built about 1902, they were originally a surprisingly elegant grocery and ham and beef shop (the precursor of the Germanic 'delicatessen'). Some of the original marble facing remains, now severely weathered. At first it would have been protected by an awning. Part of a deceased estate, the shops have been neglected for many years, the last inhabitant being a barber who left when the buildings were recently sold. A development application to demolish all the existing buildings and replace them with underground parking, shops and offices has been opposed by the Society.

The Traffic Sub-committee is to conduct a campaign to reduce the impact of through commuter traffic and heavy vehicles on Glebe and improve public transport. Please read the following proposed petition and contact Jeanette Knox (660 7787) to suggest improvements and offer your assistance.

TRAFFIC PETITION

The undersigned residents of Glebe point out to the N.S.W. Government, the Department of Main Roads and Leichhardt Council that Glebe has long since reached its full capacity to absorb commuter traffic, and that for many years through traffic has been spilling into local roads, making life in this beautiful and historic area of the inner city increasingly noisy, polluted and hazardous.

WE REQUEST that instead of isolated, ad hoc measures to reduce the overflow of through traffic, the Department of Main Roads and Leichhardt Council, in consultation with the residents of Glebe, draw up a plan for the entire Glebe area that will keep traffic on major routes, as has been done in other suburbs.

WE REQUEST that any new Glebe Island Bridge be low level, and be completed before the City-West Link Road is built, so that the additional traffic will not have to travel through Glebe.

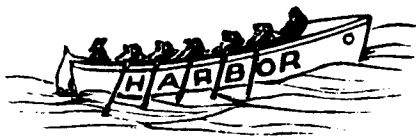
WE REQUEST that the proposal to build a container terminal access road to connect with The Crescent across Rozelle Bay be dropped, and this access road be redesigned to connect directly with the City-West Link Road (Western Gateway).

WE REQUEST that in all streets existing original sandstone kerbs and gutters be left intact, and not replaced at great expense by concrete, as Leichhardt Council proposes.

WE REQUEST that plans to attract further private vehicles into the inner city be suspended, and that new methods of increasing the capacity and variety of public transport, including light rail, be examined.

KINRARA, 43 - 47 HEREFORD STREET

For some time, this development has attracted criticism, failing to satisfy Leichhardt Council, as well as residents. Recently however, the high standard of restoration of 47, 'Eardsleigh' and the resiting of letterboxes away from the front of 45, 'Kinrara' have considerably improved the appearance of the site. While not itself traditional, the tea-tree fence in front of the new building makes the clash of styles less obvious. The developer is to be congratulated for making these changes. The resiting of the S.C.C. substation in a less conspicuous spot would be a further improvement,



PROPOSED ABOLITION OF COUNCIL WARDS

The Minister for Local Government, Janice Crosio, is considering a proposal from Leichhardt Council to abolish all wards in Leichhardt Municipality. If a single ward system is introduced every elector in the Municipality will be asked to vote for twelve candidates for the position of alderman. As published, the proposal does not state if the mayor is to be elected separately or not.

The advantage of such a system is the opportunity it gives for representation of minorities. Indeed, any system of proportional representation, where there are more than two places to be filled in each ward, improves the position of minorities.

A single ward system, however, does away with the notion of representing a particular area altogether. In addition, given the regrettable involvement of major political parties in local government, the single ward system increases the likelihood of two large, fairly evenly balanced groups, with one group having a small majority. It would also be possible for a minority group to hold the balance of power.

Ted McKeown, who wrote the Society's submission on Council amalgamations, is also writing our submission on the abolition of boundaries proposal. Members are encouraged to make their views known to the Minister, in writing, by 11th May.

MONDAY GROUP

On Monday 18th May at 12 noon the Monday Group is invited to visit Bara Marsh in her new home at 27 Wrights Road, Drummoyne.

The house is on the corner of Wolsely Road and Victoria Road, opposite the bus stop at the start of the Gladesville Bridge.

Ring Sally Nelson if you need further information. Bring lunch for one as usual.

GLEBE SOCIETY BIRTHDAY PARTY

We have decided to have a break with tradition and hold our Birthday Party on a Sunday lunchtime - a much better idea for a winter function.

It will be at the Glebe Rowers Club on Sunday 21st June. The cost will be a very reasonable \$10 per head for a 3-course lunch and coffee. (Drinks extra.)

More information, and details about booking will be in next month's Bulletin. Meanwhile, if you have any queries, please ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.

EATING OUT WITH THE GLEBE SOCIETY

The Monday Nights Out, started this year, have been quite successful, with a nucleus of regular participants. However some people have said they would like to come, but have other commitments on Mondays.

We have therefore decided to vary the days a bit. See 'For Your Diary' for details.

Also, some people with small appetites have 'missed out' when we have taken the easy way out and just shared the bill evenly between us. This can easily be fixed if you ask the waiter 'up front' for a separate bill. If you are one of the people who this applies to, come along to the next night, at BJ's, where you pay for your own food as you order it.

BRIDGE PLAYERS WANTED

Betty Wright has recently renewed her interest in Bridge and would like to hear from other people who would also like to play. Ring Betty on 660 1875.

THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION

Copies of the Constitution, incorporating various amendments which have been made over the years, are available for interested members. With the A.G.M. coming up, in mid August, it is a good time to refresh your memory. Ring Edwina on 922 3877 or 660 7066 if you would like a copy.

WHERE ARE OUR PALM TREES?

A row of transplanted palm trees and a Moreton Bay Fig have appeared on the Darling Harbour site, but the palms don't look like the ones taken from the Homoeopathic Hospital grounds, which were tall and thin.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham - 660 7780

PLANNING

Neil Macindoe - 660 0208

TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

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

PLAYREADING GROUP

Sue Johnson - 692 0101

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

Tuesday 12th May - 7.30 pm - Meet The Members Evening. Guest speakers from the Pyrmont/Ultimo Society. At Lyndhurst, Darghan Street.

Monday 18th May - 12 noon - Monday Group, 27 Wrights Road, Drummoyne.

Tuesday 19th May - 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 2nd June - 6.30 pm - Eating Out at BJ's, 99 Glebe Point Road (licensed)

Sunday 21st June - Lunctime Birthday Party at the Glebe Rowers' Club.

Wednesday 1st July - 6.30 pm - Eating Out at Lien, 331 Glebe Point Road, opp. Wigram Road. Vietnamese and Malaysian food - B.Y.O.

MORNING AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Members and friends of the Society who attended the morning tea and talk at the Church last month had a most interesting time. Our thanks to all concerned.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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