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OUR NEW PRESIDENT WRITES

I was pleased to accept the position of President of the Glebe Society at the first meeting of the Management Committee following the Annual General Meeting and I look forward to working with my fellow Committee members in promoting the objectives of the Society and maintaining its traditions.

The Society has come under pressure recently with claims that it is not representative of the concerns of the community or even its members. Such claims may appear irrational but they hinder the effective running of the Society. They can be put to rest if there is the widest possible participation by members in our various activities. With this in mind, I would encourage you to demonstrate your support by attending meetings and social functions, assisting our very dedicated and hard working Sub-committees, expressing your opinions or concerns (preferably in writing) to the Management Committee or through the Bulletin and by encouraging your friends in the area to join.

Peter Strickland



Ward Bros.,
Melbourne.
Sewing machines; 1909.

19th A.G.M. - 12th AUGUST 1987

The Society had a long and interesting Annual General Meeting this year.

The President's report, which is included with this Bulletin, summarised a busy year for the Society.

The Treasurer's Report showed that we made a small operating loss during the year, but that we are still in a good position to fund any campaigns which become necessary in the future.

Neil Macindoe's Planning Report pointed out several developments which have enhanced our area in recent months and pointed the way to continue this trend, including a resolution regarding the Homoeopathic Hospital. (See Page 3.)

John Buckingham, reporting on the Bicentennial Park and Marina, explained that these two proposals are now completely linked. Mr Brereton will not hand over land for the Park until all planning stages for the Marina have been passed. There is a worrying possibility that the decision to proceed with the Park will come too late for the project to qualify for Bicentennial funding.

Details of the Development Application for the Marina are on display at the Council offices until mid - September, from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday - Friday and John urged members to inspect them. The Sub-committee will make yet another submission in response to the Development Application.

The Traffic Report, read by Neil Macindoe in the absence of Jeanette Knox, reiterated

THE GLEBE SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for the Council Elections
to be held on 26th September

ON WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER,

AT ST JOHNS PARISH HALL

(the large one)

AT 7.30 PM

This is a public meeting and everyone is welcome. We will be distributing leaflets about the meeting throughout Glebe. Watch your mail box and the local press for more details.

19th A.G.M. (Continued)

our concern about the increasing pressures on our suburb and referred to the recent 40-plus page response of the Leichhardt Municipal Council to the Society's efforts.

The election of Officers then took place. The Management Committee gained three new members; Peter Strickland, Jeff Ibbotson and John Tinkler and positions were allocated at the next Committee meeting. The new Committee, full details of which are shown on the back page of the Bulletin, is fired up with enthusiasm to make the Society an even stronger voice in our community.

Mike Curtis, our former Treasurer, was appointed Honorary Auditor in place of Ted McKeown, who has resigned from the position.

For the first time in several years, two new Life Members were appointed in recognition of their long and distinguished service as senior Committee members of the Glebe Society and their outstanding contribution to the wider community. They are JEANETTE KNOX and JOHN HODDINOTT.

A suggestion that we should hold a public meeting at which candidates for the Council Elections could express their opinions concerning our area was greeted enthusiastically

The meeting closed at 10.30pm, cutting short the time available to enjoy the light refreshments provided by Betty Wright - but business comes first!

As my term as President comes to an end, I would like to express my personal thanks to the Convenors of the Sub-committees, to the Management Committee and to all other members for their great contribution to the Society during the past two years and to wish the new Committee well. I will continue to play an active role in the Society as Immediate Past President and will once again become the 'official' Bulletin Editor.

Edwina Doe

A PLANNING REPORT

It was suggested at the A.G.M. that long-standing planning matters receive a progress report from time to time.

1. WATERFRONT FACTORY AT THE END OF GLEBE POINT ROAD - Development consent has expired. Within foreshore protection area.
2. JOHN FLETCHER CONTAINER YARD - Increasingly disruptive activity. No reaction by Council to the Society's complaints.
3. FACTORIES AT 10 JAROCIN AVENUE / 208 BRIDGE ROAD - Development Application re-submitted with some noise controls.

THE HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

The following motion was passed unanimously at the recent Annual General Meeting:

"The A.G.M. of the Glebe Society suggests that Prince Alfred Area Health Board retain Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital for the medical care of senior citizens not sufficiently ill to require admission to a major public hospital and for minor operations.

The Society requests that in any redevelopment the unsightly red brick offices on Glebe Point Road be removed and that any new building be sited well back from the busy roads and be sympathetic to the existing main building. The Society also requests that the palms sold to Alpine Nurseries at Dural be returned. The chain wire fence should be removed and benches provided in an area of open space near the palms."

HAROLD PARK HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT

The proposal is a very mediocre one. It involves the loss of the prominent terrace house on the corner of Wigram Road and Minogue Crescent. None of the Society's suggested improvements have been incorporated.

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL LOSES CONTROL OF STRIDES' YARD

The Department of Planning and Environment has revoked the care and control of the waterfront section of Strides' Yard, Blackwattle Bay, given to Leichhardt Council in March. Council had refused to develop the area as open space, bleating about the cost of retaining the crane marked for preservation by the Heritage Council. The D.E.P. will retain the area for parkland.

BALMAIN ASSOCIATION GIVES US SUPPORT

The Committee of the Balmain Association have written letters to the Minister for Local Government and to the Glebe newspaper supporting our Society in our dealings with Mr Eggins, the Town Clerk of Leichhardt Municipal Council. They referred in the letters problems similar to ours which they have experienced with Mr Eggins.

IT'S WONDERFUL WHAT AN ELECTION CAN DO

There's a nice new white fence along the Northcote Road side of Jubilee Park which prevents cars going onto that section of the Park.

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL AMONGST THE WORST

From an article in the S.M.H. 22/8/87

By MICHAEL LAURENCE,
Civic Reporter

Hawkesbury and Blacktown are Greater Sydney's worst-performing councils, with heavy debts, higher-than-average rates and the prospect of cuts in their services or increases in charges, according to a controversial independent analysis of their performances.

The report, Local Government Activities and Finances, names North Sydney followed by Hurstville as the best-performing councils in the Greater Sydney area.

Based on figures gathered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for its 1985 study of local government finances, the report examines each council's amount of long-term debt as a proportion of its revenue, its annual interest-rate bill, degree of reliance on government grants, and attempts to gather funds in addition to rates.

Mr Sainsbury said that a number of councils could be criticised for their financial performances over the past few years.

Other poorly performing councils, according to the report, are Botany, Campbelltown, Marrickville, Drummoyne, Lane Cove, Leichhardt, Blue Mountains and Hunters Hill.

And other councils whose performance is among the best are Warringah, Camden, Wyong, Gosford, Ku-ring-gai, Fairfield, Ryde and Woollahra.

THIS MEANS YOU

The following motion was passed at the A.G.M. during discussion of Neil Macindoe's Planning Report:

"That the Bulletin be used as a means of informing members of proposed developments and areas of continuing interest concerning the environment and that members be asked to submit information and articles to the Editor."

The latest information on development proposals we know of will continue to be published in the Bulletin. But for an early warning on any future developments, we need to hear from YOU. If you see or hear any activity in your neighbourhood; tenants being asked to leave an old building, surveyors wandering around or anything else that suggests an unwanted 'development', please tell the relevant Sub-committee convenor and the Bulletin editor immediately.

MONDAY GROUP

The next meeting of the Monday Group will be at 12 noon on September 21st, at Betty Wright's home, 27 Avona Avenue.

Bring lunch for one person, as usual.

PLAYREADING GROUP

On Sunday 13th September, the Playreading Group will complete their reading of Alan Ayckbourn's trilogy 'The Norman Conquests'. The third play is 'In The Garden'.

The reading starts at 7.30pm at Ian Edwards' house, 109 St Johns Road. Ring Sue Johnson for information.

COL MCKENZIE IS RECOVERING QUICKLY

At the latest report, Col, who underwent heart bypass surgery recently, was amazing his nurses with the speed of his recovery.

We all send Col and Jean our best wishes.

DINING OUT IN GLEBE

The numbers attending our monthly dinners are increasing steadily. Do come along - details for the next few months are on the back page of the Bulletin.

The August gathering at Pasquale's turned into a progressive dinner. For some strange reason parties of ten or more people are discriminated against. We all had to choose from the 1-course or 3-course limited menus. We couldn't have 2 courses or eat a la carte.

We solved the problem. We had one course there and went to The Habit for dessert and coffee.

DO WE WANT AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINES IN GLEBE?

Peter Martin, a former President of the Society, has asked for our help in encouraging banks to instal A.T.M.s in Glebe. There are none in Glebe or Leichhardt, the nearest being in the grounds of Sydney University, at the Broadway Technical College and in Newtown. Apparently the reason we don't have any is because Glebe is a 'high risk area'.

If you agree with Peter Martin and would like the convenience of local out of hours banking facilities, or if you feel they are not needed, please ring Peter Strickland (660 7624) or Jeff Ibbotson (660 7713) before the next Committee meeting.

GARAGE SALE - 14th NOVEMBER

The Glebe Community Fair in Foley Park will be held on Saturday 14th November and the Society will have an information stall, as usual.

We will take the opportunity to have a Garage Sale at the same time, to raise funds for the Society. When you are spring-cleaning, please save all your pre-loved goods, especially hardware and renovating materials and donate them to the stall.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

A final account is enclosed with this Bulletin for those people whose membership subscription is still due.

Anyone who has not renewed membership by the time of the next mail-out will not receive the October Bulletin.

DON'T FORGET THE
MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING
WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1st September - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Ragtime, 85 Darling Street, Cnr. Railway St. NOT BYO. Main course app. \$15.

Sunday 13th September - 7.30 pm - Play-reading Group - 109 St. Johns Road.

Tuesday 15th September - 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan St.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday 16th September - 7.30 pm - Meet the Candidates - Public Meeting - Saint Johns Parish Hall (large hall).

Monday 21st September - 12 noon - Monday Group - 27 Avona Avenue.

Saturday 26th September - COUNCIL ELECTION

Wednesday 7th October - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Rengaya Japanese Curry Restaurant, 22 Glebe Point Road. BYO. 2 courses \$14.

Monday 2nd November - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Simply French, 64a McArthur Street, Ultimo. BYO. Main course \$6 - \$8.

Saturday 14th November - Glebe Community Fair - Foley Park.

Sunday 15th November - Glebe Street Fair (formerly the Food Fair.)

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(All Convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee)

BICENTENNIAL PARK AND MARINA

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

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

CONTACT THE PEOPLE LISTED ABOVE IF YOU WANT TO OBTAIN OR GIVE INFORMATION.

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 Peter Strickland on 660 7624 (H) or 235 7258 (W).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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