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LEICHHARDT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The result of the election for Leichhardt Municipal Council was not proclaimed until Friday 9th October, due to a lengthy procedure to distribute preferences.

The 12 Aldermen and Alderwomen elected are:

Bill Brady	ALP - Mayor's Team
Sharon Page	" " "
Brian Thompson	" " "
Kate Butler	ALP - Members' Team
Bob Heffernan	" " "
Larry Hand	Community Independents
Betty Leone	" "
Nick Origlass	Open Council
Issy Wyner	" "
Doug Spedding	Spedding Independents
Stephen Smith	" "
Geoff Courtney	Liberal

We congratulate the successful candidates.

The composition of Council, compared with the previous Council, is:

	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>
ALP - Mayor's Team	3)	(orig-
ALP - Members' Team	2)	7 inally
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Community Ind.	2	1
Open Council	2	2
Spedding Ind.	2	2
Liberals	1	-

The position of Mayor will be determined at the first meeting of the new Council and will depend on any alliances formed between the people elected.

The Society hopes that we and the newly elected Council will be able to work together for the benefit of the residents of Glebe.

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United Service.
J. A. Mitchelson-Watson,
Melbourne.
Foods; 1919.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Following a recommendation at our AGM, the management committee organised a public meeting for candidates for election to Leichhardt Council to present their views. Over one hundred people attended and we had speakers from five of the nine groups contesting the election; the Open Council team, the Democrats, ALP members, Community Independents and the Resident Action Group.

The meeting focussed on issues relevant to people in Glebe, including:

- development approvals and heritage
- traffic
- community facilities including parks and the marina
- the Council and how the views of local residents can best be heard.

Although some of the teams included members of the Society, it was made clear that we are a non-party political organisation and that they were standing of their own volition. It is important to remember this, as we must work with whoever is elected. We have a record of the views expressed by the candidates, for which we must thank Betty Wright. These will be a useful reference point for our future dealings with the new Council.

Peter Strickland

MEETING WITH LEICHHARDT COUNCIL TOWN CLERK

Members will no doubt be aware of the criticism made of the Society by the Leichhardt Municipal Council and in particular the long report presented to Council by the Town Clerk, Ron Eggins.

As a result of the report resolutions were passed by Council questioning the Society's role and its right to speak on behalf of the residents of Glebe.

Your committee regarded any deterioration of relations between the Society and Council as a serious matter which needed rectification. We sought a meeting with Mr Eggins to discuss any perceived problems. Mr Eggins readily agreed to a meeting. Peter Strickland and Jeffrey Ibbotson attended and what might be called 'full and frank' discussions took place. They report:

The areas of concern to Mr Eggins were:

1. The constitutional objectives of the Glebe Society and whether it or its spokespersons were stepping outside those objectives.
2. Whether the Society's spokespersons or the subcommittee convenors were responsible to the Society, were able to speak on its behalf and in particular whether they had the qualifications or expertise to comment on their areas.
3. The qualification of the Society in general and the subcommittee convenors in particular to speak on behalf of the residents of Glebe. He questioned whether the views being expressed in fact reflected the views of the membership, let alone the views of the wider Glebe community.
4. What he regarded as unwarranted and highly personal attacks made by spokespersons for the Society against himself and particular aldermen and Council officers.

Your President and Secretary made the following response:

1. A copy of the constitution was given to Mr Eggins to show the aims of the Society and to demonstrate that all past submissions to Council were within the constitutional aims of the Society.
2. It was pointed out that the convenors of subcommittees are ex-officio members of the management committee and are responsible to that committee.
3. Subcommittees were made up of persons who had a particular interest in that area. Whilst all possessed the obvious qualification of living in Glebe, it was pointed out that, for example, the Bicentennial Park subcommittee members also possessed professional qualifications which added to the depth and authority of the subcommittee.

4. We said that members of the Society lived in all parts of the suburb, from Parramatta Road to Glebe Point. Whilst it is not possible to seek the approval of every member before a submission is made, all members are aware of the objectives of the Society as set out in the constitution.
5. The Society did not seek to supplant the Council as the local government decision-making body for the suburb, but would continue to make submissions to Council and make known its views, even if these views were contrary to the views of Council.
6. It is regrettable that there may have been a resort to personal attacks in the past. The Society will concentrate on addressing issues we see as important. We appreciate that the Council officers are subject to the direction of the ruling faction on Council. However if aldermen act in a manner which the Society regards as inconsistent with the best interests of Glebe, we will continue to criticise such actions.

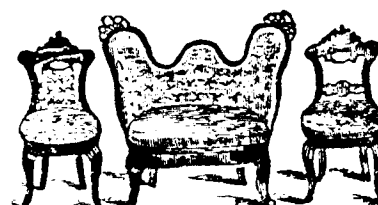
Mr Eggins expressed the wish that future relations between the Society and Council would be harmonious. For his part, he said he would always listen to submissions made by the Society and would continue to make himself available to meet representatives of the Society. He also said that he will 'continue to communicate to Council any representations received (from the Society) in an unbiased manner, subject to any directions of Council'.

We felt that the meeting was worthwhile and was an important step in demonstrating to the Council that the Society is a responsible representative body and has an important role in the preservation and enhancement of Glebe.

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Just to remind members, Item 4 of the Constitution of the Glebe Society reads:

The broad objects of the Society are: to promote the general well-being of citizens of the Glebe area; to preserve the natural assets of the area; to stimulate interest in the history and character of the area; to encourage town planning and good architecture; and to protect the residents from anything detrimental to the enjoyment of their dwellings. To achieve these objectives the Society shall, among other things, make representations to or consult with persons and other bodies.



LAND FOR BICENTENNIAL PARK TO BE HANDED OVER

We reproduce in full the press release issued by Mr Brereton's office shortly before the Council Elections.

MEDIA RELEASE

The Minister for Public Works and Ports, Mr Laurie Brereton, today announced details of the handover of 2.5 hectares of harbour foreshore land at Rozelle Bay to Leichhardt Council for a Bicentennial Commemorative Park.

Mr Brereton said that the Maritime Services Board land would be transferred to the Council as soon as it was in a position to accept its care, control and management.

"This should be no later than mid-November," he said.

"It will mean that the Council qualifies for a \$500,000 grant from the NSW Bicentennial Council to assist in turning this drab industrial area into an attractive foreshore park.

"It also means that local residents will be able to enjoy their Bicentennial Park during 1988."

Mr Brereton was speaking during an inspection of the area with the Mayor of Leichhardt, Alderman Bill Brady.

He paid tribute to Alderman Brady for his efforts in getting the Bicentennial Park up and running.

"Bill Brady has been a strong advocate for the Municipality with the Government." he said.

"If it were not for his efforts, I am sure this outstanding community asset would not be so near to achievement."

Mr Brereton said the Maritime Services Board would initially hand over to the Council an area of about 2.5 hectares of foreshore land between Pope Paul VI Reserve and Johnstons Creek plus a 15 metre wide strip of foreshore on the western side of Johnstons Creek.

He said an additional 1.3 hectares of land behind the foreshore strip, currently used for timber stacking operations would be transferred to the Council once those activities had been relocated, probably in 1992.

"This will take to about \$10M the value of MSB land that has been given to the community in the Leichhardt Municipality." Mr Brereton said.

"This is an important part of the Government's policy of improving community access to the foreshores and waterways of Sydney Harbour."

In addition to providing the land, the MSB will carry out works valued at approximately \$90,000 to stabilise the sea wall along the park foreshore.

17th September 1987.

JOHN BUCKINGHAM ADDS

Laurie Brereton's statement confirms that we will have Stage 1 of the Bicentennial Park (the Glebe side) in 1988. Stage 2, the entire Bicentennial Park including the Annandale side, should be completed in 1992.

The significant implication of this statement though, is that the previous nexus between the Park and the Marina has been broken. The new Council will be free to consider the marina on its merits. Council can pass, reject or make recommendations for amendment to the Development Application without its action being a threat to the Bicentennial Park.

It seems that the real factor in Brereton's change of heart was the real risk that if the nexus between the park and the marina remained, then the inevitable appeals procedure that would have followed Council's decision on the marina would have delayed the park to the point where it could not have been completed in 1988. This would have rendered it ineligible for bicentennial funding. Both Council and the Bicentennial Authority made this point to Brereton.

A likely timetable for Stage 1 of the Park is as follows:

- November 1987 - formal/legal transfer of the relevant land from the MSB to Council.
- October 1988 - anticipated completion of Stage 1 of the Bicentennial Park (11 months total construction time indicated in the EIS).
- November 1988 - The Glebe Society throws a party to celebrate success in a campaign that has been part of the Society's charter since its inception 20 years ago; the conversion of the Rozelle Bay foreshores to passive open space.

AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINES

A few members responded to the item on this topic in last month's Bulletin. Comments from banks have been that the main factor influencing decisions to install A.T.M.'s is expected usage and it appears that the level of transactions at local branches is a determining factor. This may not be a reliable indicator of out of hours use of A.T.M.'s. The machines cost around \$60,000 so they are only put in if the bank thinks they can be justified.

The Society plans no further action on this subject so approach your bank directly if you want an A.T.M.

A ROAD THROUGH THE BICENTENNIAL PARK?

The Mayor of Leichhardt, Bill Brady, has written to some residents in Glebe seeking their opinion as to whether Federal Road should be kept open for car parking when Stage 1 of the Bicentennial Park is complete. Please write now urging closure of Federal Road as soon as possible.

- * Parks are for people, not cars.
- * Children should be safe from cars no matter where they roam in the park.
- * Why would you interrupt the visual appeal of the broad sweep of park from Eglinton and Northcote Roads to Rozelle Bay, by providing for car parking in the centre of the park?
- * Why encourage people to bring cars to the park? Glebe and Annandale residents are within walking distance. Others in the region can make use of a variety of bus services, several of which stop right at the park, or alternatively will find ample parking space on the Chep/Brambles site (the old tram sheds) to the south of Jubilee Oval adjacent to Harold Park, where there is convenient access from The Crescent. Sportsfolk using the Oval can also use the Chep/Brambles site or use the MWS & DB road alongside Johnston Canal.
- * Except for special events such as the unavoidable Grand Opening, or something similar to the vintage car display organised as part of the Festival of Sydney several years ago, there won't be vast numbers of people using the park at any one time. Parking as indicated on the original plan is adequate.
- * The Bicentennial Park Plan drawn up by Bruce McKenzie, Australia's foremost landscape architect, in 1981, sees the entire park as an integrated whole. Leaving Federal Road contravenes the integrity of the park and makes it two smaller parks instead of one large park.

WRITE TO: The Mayor,
Leichhardt Municipal Council,
Wetherill Street,
Leichhardt, 2040.

INDICATE YOUR BELIEF THAT FEDERAL ROAD SHOULD BE CLOSED AS SOON AS THE LAND FOR THE PARK IS HANDED OVER TO COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER.



TRAFFIC PETITIONS

We will be submitting the traffic petitions to the new Leichhardt Council as soon as is practicable. If you still have a petition form to hand in, get a few more signatures on it and send it to Peter Strickland (207 Bridge Road) or to P.O. Box 100, Glebe, by Monday 19th October.

THEFT OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

During September, Betty Wright reported the theft of the brass plate at Blackwattle Bay Park, listing the community and Union organisations, including the Glebe Society, which secured the area as open space for the people of Sydney. As no determined vandalism had been expected, the plaque was only glued to its concrete plinth.

BRIDGE ROAD IS TOO NOISY

The State Pollution Control Commission has reported an average decibel reading over a 24 hour period in Bridge Road Glebe of 65.6 decibels. The OECD regards 65db and over as unacceptable for residential areas.

(Source - S.M.H. - 9/9/87)

LIGHT RAIL

Whatever differences might exist between past and future members of Leichhardt Council, they are at least agreed on the desirability of a light rail system to serve the area. The Society has long promoted this initiative and we hope that Council can use its influence to help bring it about.

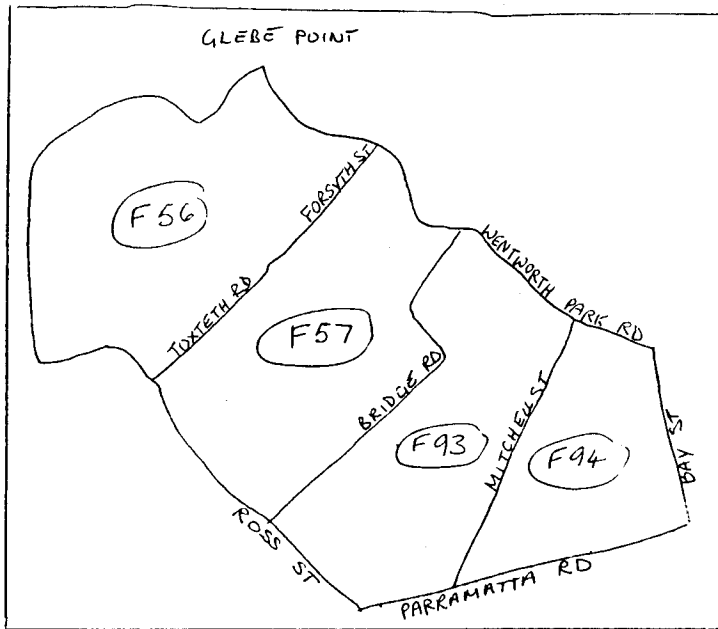
SOME MATTERS WHICH WORRY RESIDENTS

Here are the topics of some written questions which were posed at the Meet the Candidates meeting but not read out due to lack of time:

- the poor street-cleaning services provided
- Library facilities in Glebe
- the deterioration of the 23 playgrounds in Glebe
- the need for a free-running area for dogs in a park within walking distance of St Johns Road
- tree planting strategies
- that trees shorter than 10 metres can now be cut down without Council permission
- the effect of a marina on the colony of over 40 pelicans in Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays
- what is envisaged by 'support for a City Farm'

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN GLEBE

Glebe is divided into 4 areas, with boundaries running down the centre of streets:



Neighbourhood Watch is a non-profitmaking, non-political organisation. The primary aim is to make Glebe a safer place in which to live. If you would like to help, or just find out more, come along to a meeting:

- F 56 - Last Monday of each month, 7.30pm
Uniting Church, Toxteth Road,
- F 57 - 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm
Uniting Church, Toxteth Road.
- F F 93 - 1st Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm
113 - 115 Mitchell Street.
- F 94 - 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7.30pm
113 - 115 Mitchell Street.

We thank Elizabeth Halley of Neighbourhood Watch for providing this information.

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Glebe Neighbourhood Watch (Area 94) will be holding a 'Street Fair' in Mitchell Street (between Glebe Pt Road & Campbell St) on Saturday 31st October from 10 - 3.30pm. There will be stalls, booths, and exhibitions by the Youth Club Gymnastics Squad.

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We will have an information stall at this street fair and also at the fairs in Glebe on 14th and 15th November.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS AND SHEDS FOR
OUR GARAGE SALE ON 14TH NOVEMBER.

MONDAY GROUP

The next meeting of the Monday Group, on 19th October, will be a trip on the Manly Ferry. Please be at Wharf No. 3, Circular Quay by 10.45 to catch the 11am ferry.

Bring your own lunch. Refreshments can also be bought on the ferry or at Manly.

PLAYREADING GROUP

The playreading on Sunday 11th October will be at 8pm at Sue Johnson's home, 70 Arundel Street. The play is Round and Round the Garden by Alan Ayckbourn.

The Playreading Group has a new Secretary; Ian Edwards (660 6406). Our thanks go to the previous Secretary, Sue Johnson, for her efforts over the past year.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

It was good to see Col McKenzie at the dinner on 7th October.

Jeff Ibbotson, our new Secretary, also made a fairly brief appearance at the dinner, before going to visit his wife and his second daughter, born 3 days earlier.

CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH - SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

Following the success of our Birthday Party, we will repeat the formula by having a lunch at the Glebe Rowing Club, 12.30 for 1 pm.

More details next month, but keep the date free.

WINE BOTTLING - SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

- 2pm - 17 ALEXANDRA ROAD

Our next 'Meet the Members' function will be a wine bottling - stock up for Christmas.

The wines will be a dry white and a dry red from Saltram in the Barossa Valley - similar to the wines we have enjoyed before. The price is \$2.00 per bottle (\$20.00 per dozen) and the wines will be well worth putting down for later use.

Tony Larkum needs your firm orders by 31st October - 660 7030.

You can bring your own bottles or buy clean bottles (at cost) at the function. Please let Tony know your requirements when placing your order. If you bring your own bottles they should be washed, rinsed in plain water and left upside down to drain. We will provide sterilizing fluid, corks, labels etc.

WELCME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society and look forward to seeing them at our functions:

- Ann Andrews
- Sally Bray
- Ken Burgin
- Patricia Cancio-Newton
- Fiona Craig
- David Emsley
- Adam & Elizabeth Harper
- Margaret McMahan
- Robert Spencer
- Mrs. D Strachan

NATIONAL TRUST LISTED BUILDING OPEN TO

VISITORS - SAT. 17th OCT - 10 am - 4 pm.

The Salvation Army Children's Home, a beautiful old home at 97 Cambridge St, Stanmore, will be open for inspection at their Fete, which has the theme 'Back 100 Years' and a prize for the best costume. There will also be stalls, T.V. stars, S.A. Bands etc.

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

BICENTENNIAL PARK AND MARINA

John Buckingham - 660 7780

PLANNING

John Tinkler - 692 9032

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

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).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 17th October - Fete at Stanmore.

Monday 19th October - 10.45 am - Monday Group - Wharf No. 3, Circular Quay.

Tuesday 20th October - 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan St.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Saturday 31st October - Neighbourhood Watch Fair - Mitchell Street.

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

Saturday 14th November - Glebe Community Fair and Glebe Society Garage Sale - Foley Park.

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

Saturday 21st November - 2 pm - Wine Bottling - 17 Alexandra Road. ORDERS FOR WINE MUST BE PLACED BY 31st OCTOBER.

Sunday 13th December - 12.30 pm - Glebe Society Christmas Party - Glebe Rowing Club.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Peter Strickland 660 7624 (H)
235 7258 (W)

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922 3877 (W)

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692 2451 (W)

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231 1244 (W)

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925 9759 (W)

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John Tinkler 692 9032 (H)

Social Secretary: Betty Wright 660 1875

Bulletin Editor: Edwina Doe 660 7066

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New Members' Rep: Sue Littleton 660 5610

Monday Group: Sally Nelson 660 6138

Playreading Group: Ian Edwards 660 6406

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS: HOUSEHOLD \$13; INDIVIDUAL \$11; STUDENT OR PENSIONER \$4. Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.