



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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WENTWORTH PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

The Society is determined to protect the interests of Glebe residents regarding Wentworth Park and the area surrounding it. We need someone living near the park to monitor the activities of the Wentworth Park Trust and to generally co-ordinate the Society's efforts in this area. Here are some of the things you could do:

1. Ensure the Wentworth Park Trust fulfils its obligation to landscape and plant out the area near the stand.
2. Discuss further landscaping proposals with the Trust, Leichhardt Council and the Ministers for Lands and Sport.
3. Suggest improved facilities and suitable activities.
4. Press for improved access for residents to the track and stand, and free community use of facilities.
5. Ensure that residents are not disadvantaged by parking, traffic or development proposals, especially during 1988.

This is a chance to assist in obtaining better use of a major area of open space in the inner city. Many people would benefit from improvements. Changes are going to occur and YOU can have a major influence on events. If you can help, please ring:

Peter Strickland - 660 7624

or Jeff Ibbotson - 660 7713

(You may have seen the article in the November 'Inner City Post'; 'Wentworth Park - a Continuing Scandal'.)

GLEBE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

At: The Glebe Rowing Club
On: Sunday 13th December, 12.30 for 1 pm.
Menu: Seafood Platter, Turkey with all the 'Trimmings' and a Pavlova.
Cost: \$12.50 per head
Book: By ringing Betty Wright on 660 1875
By: Saturday 8th December

Be sure to book early. Following the success of the Birthday Party we are expecting a large crowd.

(We have decided NOT to have 'pressies' this year)

Save St John's Glebe

St John's Anglican Church, Glebe, is vital to our local heritage. And its west wall is in danger of collapsing. As part of your own Bicentennial activities, please help save this historic Church!



Christmas cards with this attractive drawing of the church will be on sale on the day of the Glebe Street Fair, Sunday 15th November.

If you would like to know how else you can help the restoration fund appeal, ring Rev. Hugh Scott, 660 1818 or Olive Jarvis, 660 4674.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MAYOR

The Aldermen of the newly elected Leichhardt Council have chosen Alderman Nick Origlass to be Mayor. The Glebe Society offers him our congratulations.

HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

As this is the last Bulletin for 1987 the President, your Editor and all other committee members will take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

(The next Bulletin will be sent out in mid - January.)

- (a) THAT Council and all its committees shall be open to the public, with the exception of the Staff Committee and any special committee convened to deal with a matter which Council considers could disadvantage Council legally or otherwise if discussed in public at the particular time.- Furthermore, at all open meetings of Council and its Committees, the public shall be encouraged to participate in the consideration of business being dealt with.
- (b) AND THAT, in conformity with the policy of open council, the Management Advisory Panel is hereby and henceforth disbanded.
- (c) AND THAT the Town Clerk is directed to submit a report on all delegations of power for consideration by Council.

Addendum to (c): That the report be presented to the next meeting of Council.

The above Motion was passed at the first meeting of the new Council.

COUNCIL OPENS COMMITTEES

The new Leichhardt Council has invited residents to participate in these Committees, which meet at 6.30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. This is before regular Council meetings, to which members of the public are also invited.

At present, the Committees open to the public are Planning and Building, Finance and Works. The Society should strive for attendance at every Council and Committee meeting. If you can spare the occasional Tuesday evening, please phone Peter Strickland or Jeff Ibbotson so a roster can be arranged.

A return to council just like the good old days

By HELEN PITT

Some would call it participatory democracy. Others would call it democracy gone mad.

When Leichhardt Municipal Council met for the first time last night since the inception of its "open council" policy, everyone knew it would be a long night - the agenda for was more than six centimetres thick.

When the meeting started at 6.30 pm more than 60 residents had packed out the council chambers.

The council resolved at its last meeting that it would be open to the

public. What's more, the public would be encouraged to participate in the consideration of council business.

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There was much laughter. Occasionally there was applause. There were scenes reminiscent of the former Sydney City Council.

Aldermen called each other geese, dunces, social fascists and bums. Insults also came from the public.

Dr Robin Jones, a resident of Balmain, has been attending council meetings on and off for the past 17 years.

"The meetings are conducted in good humour and are always entertaining," she said.

Mr John Henry, of Balmain, said the meetings were "better than watching television"

S.M.H. 28th October



AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL

HISTORIC RECORDS

S E A R C H

The aim of the Historic Records Search is to locate and record the existence of records held in private hands throughout Australia. The project is concerned to identify materials, not collect them or remove them from the communities in which they are held. A computer-based Register is being developed so that all Australians will know that an historically significant body of material exists in homes and offices across the nation.

The Register will comprise brief descriptions of materials held in private hands. It will list the names of the main people, businesses, community organisations, events, places and activities mentioned in the records.

What will the Search register?

The Search will be as wide-ranging as possible. It will record materials which document important events and places in Australia's history. At the same time, the Search will identify and record the papers of small businesses, community organisations and families.

The variety of records held in private hands includes: family papers - letters, diaries, photographs; minute books, financial records and correspondence in the case of small businesses or community organisations; and printed and published materials that have not found their way into public collections.

Ring Jeff Ibbotson if you want more information about this. He has the whole leaflet.

Brereton scuttles plan for Rozelle Bay marina

The Minister for Public Works, Roads and Ports, Mr Brereton, appears to be clearing his plate of unpopular projects before next year's election.

This week Mr Brereton instructed the Public Works Department not to proceed with its proposed 247-boat marina in Rozelle Bay. Last week he called off plans for a tombolo and marina in Port Hacking.

Both schemes were resisted by strong resident-protest groups.

Mr Brereton told the Department to halt the Rozelle Bay marina plan until more work was done on how to dispose of heavy-metal residues from the harbour bed.

This followed local groups' concerns about the level of heavy metals such as zinc and cadmium.

Mr Brereton said the State Government would not proceed with the marina development application at this stage.

He said he had asked his department to study some new issues that had arisen since the marina development application was submitted to Leichhardt Council.

These included a new intersection at Johnson Street and The Crescent, Annandale, and the disposal dredged material.

A Save Rozelle Bay Committee spokesman, Mr Tom Dan, said the committee welcomed the Minister's decision.

He said the Public Works Department had sought to construct the marina without following the proper environmental impact statement procedures

the context of present water uses of the Bays ...

- * skiffs from the Glebe Rowing Club
- * Harbour Lighterage wharves
- * lighters taking timber to the northern wharves
- * the large cement boats and cement loading facilities
- * the Fish Market boats
- * recreational boating

... and other waterfront land use around the bays where development has already taken place and/or for which changed use is unlikely ...

- * Glebe High School
- * Glebe Rowing Club
- * Blackwattle Bay Park
- * Harbour Lighterage
- * the pocket of waterfront access between Harbour Lighterage and Glebe Point
- * Pope Paul VI Park
- * the northern container wharves

The Glebe Society needs to update its policy on the entire Rozelle/Blackwattle Bay in the light of recent developments and in the light of the latest information available. To do this, we need individual members (or groups) to undertake research into each of the listed planned/proposed/rumoured developments with a view to helping the Management Committee fit all the pieces of the mosaic together. Volunteers should ring:

Peter Strickland - 660 7624

or John Buckingham - 660 7780

to indicate your availability and to find your starting point. If you are unable to assist with further research but have information you think we should know, please pass it on to the people listed.

John Buckingham



The Australian National University will be conducting a 1988 Summer School on the Environment. All courses are residential and will be held

24-28 January Kosciuszko in Summer, in Kosciuszko National Park

3-6 February Rainforests of Southern NSW, at Kioloa, South Coast of NSW

8-12 February Native Plant Identification, at Jervis Bay, South Coast of NSW

12-14 February Nature and Landscape Photography, in Kosciuszko National Park

For further information telephone (062) 493016, 494754 Centre for Continuing Education Australian National University GPO Box 4 Canberra ACT 2601

S.M.H. 23rd October

ROZELLE AND BLACKWATTLE BAYS

Now that it is clear that Stage I of the Bicentennial Park is to go ahead without the marina being a threatening pre-condition, (Brereton has in fact withdrawn the Development Application, pending further environmental assessment) the Glebe Society can afford to turn its attention to Rozelle/Blackwattle Bay as a whole. Although the Glebe Society has made submissions and has responded separately to proposals on the Bicentennial Park, the marina, the new Glebe Island Bridge and the container slip road, we now need to step back and assess the environmental impact of the many plans and proposals for separate parts of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

The following list represents sites for which there are firm plans, proposals or constant rumours:

- * the Bicentennial Park
- * the marina
- * the container slip road
- * the new Glebe Island Bridge
- * Stride's Yard (Blackwattle Bay Park) - restoration and open space
- * Venetia restoration
- ** Fletcher's (Forsyth Street)
- ** Council Depot (Forsyth Street)
- ** Marine Engineering (Cook Street)
- ** Hardy's (Glebe Point Road between 'The Anchorage' and Glebe Point)
- ** These four sites are all waterfront open space with low rise town house/unit development
- * T.A.F.E. Marine College (on High School site)
- * Fish Markets redevelopment (including restaurants, cafes and a 'boatel')

As well as considering each of the above planned/proposed/rumoured developments in the context of the others, we also need to consider them all in



NEW SOUTH WALES

DEPUTY PREMIER

AND

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

TRA 19407

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28th Level
State Office Block
Phillip Street
Sydney 2000
Phone 27 9837

Ms. Edwina Doe,
President,
The Glebe Society,
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GLEBE. N.S.W. 2037

26 AUG 1987

Dear Ms. Doe,

I refer to your letter to The Hon. R.J. Mulock, M.P., Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport, concerning traffic management in the Glebe area.

At the outset let me say that I can appreciate the Society's concern that development and increased traffic growth in the Sydney Central Business District is having an adverse effect on the amenity of the Glebe area.

You would be aware that recently the Premier, The Hon. B.J. Unsworth, M.P., announced that the Traffic Authority of New South Wales had established a City Traffic Operations Centre (Traffic Watch) to closely monitor and improve traffic movement throughout the central city. The Traffic Watch organisation will be responsible for managing inner city traffic on a day-to-day basis and into the future by co-ordinating State and Local Government roadworks and the activities of building developments having an affect on traffic movements, parking, public transport operations and pedestrian flow.

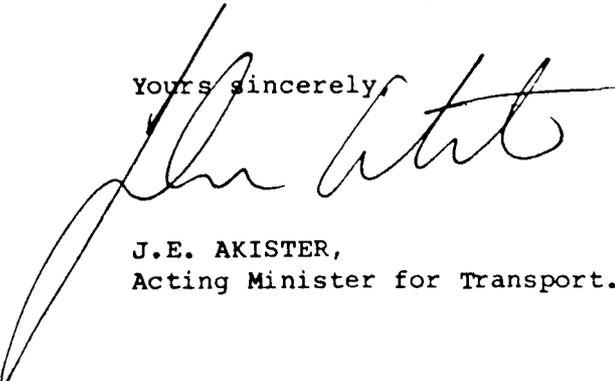
Also, the Authority is preparing a study of the overall situation, the "Sydney Central Business District Traffic Management Strategy Study", which will co-ordinate the views of Local and State Government Bodies, Unions, the Taxi Council, professional organisations and citizen's groups who may be directly or indirectly affected by matters arising from traffic in the area.

You will appreciate that this study will take some time to complete.

Should the Glebe Society wish to have submissions to the study considered by the Traffic Authority, it is suggested in the first instance that these be made by representations to Leichhardt Municipal Council.

It is proposed that any traffic management plan for the City resulting from the Study will be placed on public exhibition prior to finalisation.

Yours sincerely,



J.E. AKISTER,
Acting Minister for Transport.

Here is an outline of several planning matters that are concerning residents in various parts of Glebe. The residents appear to be well organised and in no case has the Society had more than an advisory role.

1. 208 Bridge Road - 10 Jarocin Avenue. Two noisy factories are operating without Council consent. Unfortunately the previous Council seemed much more willing to listen to the operators than the residents. Still unresolved.
2. Harold Park cooling tower. The air-conditioning system for the renovated grandstand has caused residents on the cliff-top great concern. To date, the N.S.W. Trotting Club has refused to insulate it and Council has supported the Club rather than residents.
3. Residents have requested the closure of Lyndhurst Street at its intersection with Pyrmont Bridge Road to reduce the volume of through traffic.
4. Residents in the St. Phillips area of the Glebe Estate have requested more open space. To date none has been provided by the Dept. of Housing and Council has opposed all suggestions.

STOP PRESS

- * The large Meloy's site that spreads from Ferry Road to Lombard Street has been sold to Carl Spies, redeveloper of 'The Swifts', Darling Point.
- * The old tram sheds behind Harold Park belong to the Urban Transport Authority, which is trying to dispose of them. Since they would form a valuable depot for a light rail system using the goods lines, members are requested to write, requesting their retention, to:

Hon. Ron Mulock
Minister for Transport
Parliament House, Macquarie Street.

PROPOSALS FOR 198 - 206 ST JOHNS ROAD

The Heritage Council has called for comments on a proposal involving the preservation of all of 206 and the facade of 204, but the demolition of 198 and 202 and their replacement with 2 storeys of shops and offices plus basement parking. The proposal also includes reflective glass and concrete hoods. The Society has written pointing out the objectionable aspects of the proposal but noting the progress that has taken place.

THANK YOU GREG ...

Bob Armstrong spoke recently to Greg, the Park-keeper at Blackwattle Bay Park for the last few months. Greg and his assistant have greatly improved the condition of the park and take great pride in their work. May there be more "Greg's" in the other parks in Glebe!

The last meeting of the Monday Group for this year will be on 16th November. We will meet at the Glebe Rowing Club for lunch at 12 noon.

Buy your own lunch there.

Sally Nelson

PLAYREADING GROUP

The next meeting of the Playreading Group will be on Sunday 8th November at 7.30 pm at 14 Toxteth Road. We will be reading Peter Shaffer's play 'Shinings'.

We need more regular members in the group to enable us to choose plays without the necessity for people to read more than one part. We meet only on one evening a month and although the standard of performance is sometimes a little short of professional they are always pleasant social occasions. Your contribution to the group would be very welcome. Anyone interested can contact me on 660 6406.

Ian Edwards.

DINING OUT IN GLEBE

We had to change the venue for the November dinner, but the restaurant we had intended to go to, 'Simply French' in Ultimo, has had such good reports that we will go there on Wednesday 2nd December. See the back page.

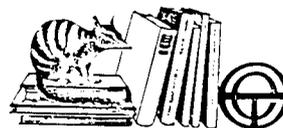
A REGULAR SUNDAY RENDEZVOUS?

When we were discussing social events for the Society over dinner recently, the suggestion was made that we should gather at the Glebe Rowing Club every Sunday.

We could meet late morning and those who wanted to could stay on for lunch. At least one Committee member would be there each week. If you think it is a good idea, or have an alternative suggestion, please ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.

WINE BOTTLING DATE CHANGED

The wine bottling will be on Saturday 28th November, a week later than previously announced. Tony Larkum is phoning everyone who ordered wine, to tell them.



BOOK FAIR

The Total Environment Centre is holding its annual Christmas Book Fair from Saturday 21st November to Thursday 24th December. They are on the 3rd floor, The Argyle Centre, 18 Argyle St, The Rocks,

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following people have recently joined the Society. We look forward to seeing them at our functions.

David	Allen
John & Di	Anstey
Mairead &	
David	Browne
Neil	Clugston
Peter	Lok
Victoria	Skarrett
Mary	Szental

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Will anyone who can spare an hour or two to work on our information stalls on 14th and 15th November please ring Peter Strickland or Jeff Ibbotson as soon as possible.

ARE OUR PALM TREES AT DARLING HARBOUR?

A group of about 12 palm trees, looking very much like the five taken from the Homoeopathic Hospital have recently appeared at Darling Harbour. They were a bit wilted. It would be a pity if they don't survive the double move.

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

Sunday 8th November - 7.30 pm - Playreading - 14 Toxteth Road.

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

Sunday 15th November - Glebe Street Fair.

Monday 16th November - 12 noon - Monday Group Lunch - Glebe Rowing Club.

Tuesday 17th November - 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan St.

Saturday 28th November - 2 pm - Wine Bottling - 17 Alexandra Road.

Wednesday 2nd December - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Simply French - 64a McArthur Street Ultimo. B.Y.O. Main course \$6 - \$8.

Saturday 8th December - Bookings close for the Christmas Party.

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

Saturday 26th December - HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR "GOODIES" TO

FOLEY PARK FOR OUR GARAGE SALE. COME ANY TIME AFTER 9 AM.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

IMM. PAST PRES: Edwina Doe 660 7066 (H)
922 3877 (W)

VICE PRESIDENT: Andrew Wood 660 2194 (H)
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

Membership List: Andrew Wood 660 2194

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.