



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10th

### AUGUST - 7.30 pm - ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

The 1988 Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society will be held at St Johns Church Hall on Wednesday 10th August at 7.30 pm.

At this meeting you will be voting for a new Management Committee for the next 12 months. Nomination for election to a position is open to all financial members. The positions to be filled are:

- President
- Senior Vice-president
- Junior Vice-president
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Four other Committee Members

In addition, the immediate past President and all Convenors of Sub-committees are ex-officio members of the Management Committee.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee must comply with Clause 10(i) of the Constitution. This means they must be signed by the nominated person (with occupation and address) and by two proposers, and must reach the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM, that is, by Wednesday 27th July. A Nomination Form is included with this Bulletin.

Only positions for which no nominations have been received in advance will be open to nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Any Motions to be discussed at the AGM must also be sent to the Secretary in writing by 27th July so that they can be included in the Agenda.

Please remember that you are not eligible to vote at the AGM if your membership is not current.

After the formal part of the AGM, light refreshments will be served.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**



## NATIONAL ESTATES GRANT

The submission mentioned in the June Bulletin has now been made for a National Estates Grant of \$7,000 to prepare a conceptual plan for the co-ordinated design of improvements to Glebe Point Road. The Society and the Glebe Street Fair Group will each contribute \$1,000 to this plan if the grant is awarded.

The Management Committee thanks Ian Jones for putting our submission together. We await the outcome with interest.

## 19th BIRTHDAY PARTY - SUNDAY 24th JULY

Following the success of recent parties at the Glebe Rowing Club, we will celebrate the Society's birthday with a lunch in their front area - the room looking over Blackwattle Bay and the City.

TIME: 12.30 for 1 pm.

MENU: Pumpkin Soup, Rack of Lamb, Black Forest Cake and Coffee.

PRICE: \$12.00 (Drinks extra).

Pay at the door, but please phone Col or Jean MacKenzie on 660 0492 by Tuesday 19th July to make your booking. Space is limited and this will be a popular function, so do book early.

# Leichhardt town clerk dumped

By CATHARINE LUMBY

The Mayor of Leichhardt, Mr Nick Origlass, has suspended the town clerk, Mr Ronald Eggins, with a view to terminating his services.

Speaking before a packed gallery, Alderman Origlass cited reasons for the dismissal which included the failure of the town clerk to carry out council resolutions, to carry out his duties in a competent manner and to work co-operatively with council members and staff.

"His attitude is completely incon-

sistent with the duty of loyalty and responsibility owed by a town clerk to his council, and his attitude is intractable," Alderman Origlass said at the Tuesday night meeting.

At an emergency committee meeting held prior to council, members had the opportunity to consider the grounds for dismissal in detail.

Alderman Bill Brady was unsuccessful in moving an amendment that no action be taken until council had the benefit of a report on the town clerk, scheduled to be prepared by the Department of Local Government on

July 11.

A motion confirming the mayor's action was carried narrowly.

Speaking after the meeting, Alderman Brady voiced his dissatisfaction with the proceedings. "My main objection is that this whole thing was steamrollered through," he said. "If you ask me, they want to sack the wrong bloke. They should have sacked the mayor."

Mr Eggins, Leichhardt's town clerk for nearly six years, declined to comment.

THE EASTERN HERALD, Thursday, June 30, 1988

## HOW LITTLE THINGS CHANGE!

The following item is an extract from Glebe Society Bulletin No. 3 of 1971. It relates to the rejection by Leichhardt Council of a development application for a block of flats at 59-61 Ferry Road.

... Comic relief was provided by Dr Foley of Glebe and Alderman Barry of Annandale. In a hellfire and damnation type of speech, Dr Foley castigated the Glebe Society and its President as a gang of larrikins and dastardly plant trampers. He also stated (quite wrongly) that the Society had already decided to put up opposition candidates at the next Municipal Elections and - also wrongly - that the Leichhardt Council had already rejected the Ferry Road application. It did so about three-quarters of an hour later. Dr Foley

appears to have an increasing difficulty in remembering what is decided in Caucus and what in Council. Alderman Brady also provided some hilarious moments. Waving a letter about excitedly, he claimed to have proof that the Glebe Society had undertaken to cover the expense of every challenge in the courts to development proposals rejected by the Council. Alderman Brady appears to have some difficulty with the comprehension of written English

Altogether it was a good show. Why, one wonders, does one pay to go to revues like The Legend of King O'Malley, when Leichhardt Council can put on a show like that for free.

Ed's notes:

1. Foley Park was named after this Dr Foley.
2. We still need Council Watchers.

## Concern over Rozelle Bay land use

An Annandale residents' group met the Minister for the Environment, Mr Tim Moore, last week to make representations about land surrounding Rozelle Bay.

Members of the Save Rozelle Bay Campaign asked for land on the Annandale side of Johnston's Creek, presently used for timber storage, to be made available for open space in Annandale.

The group also wants to prevent dredging and reclamation of any part of the Bay.

According to a spokesman for the group, Mr Tom Dan, an environmen-

tal impact study revealed highly toxic material in the surface sediment below the water.

"Rozelle Bay has a high infill rate," he said. "In the early days there were a number of factories discharging directly into the bay and as a result there is a great deal of highly toxic material buried below the surface which would be brought up to the surface if the bay is dredged."

Mr Dan claimed that scientific studies previously carried out by the Department of Public Works were too superficial to reveal the true levels of toxicity.

The group also voiced its concerns

about the crescent-shaped piece of land surrounding the bay.

"We are concerned that some of the land leaching back into the bay is itself causing toxicity. We want reassurance that the land is safe," said Mr Dan.

Mr Moore advised that no decisions on the future of the land around the bay would be made until scientific studies commissioned by the former Labor government came to hand.

The group will meet with Mr Moore again in September.

- CATHARINE LUMBY

BIRTHDAY PARTY SUNDAY 24th JULY.

BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY 19th.

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### UNIVERSITY PROTECTED AGAINST ITSELF

The houses in Arundel and Catherine Streets that were threatened by the University of Sydney's plan to create a residential college have received Section 130 Orders which prevent demolition. The Committee hopes the expressions of community concern about the proposal will encourage the University to consider less destructive options.

### FIRST SHARED PEDESTRIAN/TRAFFIC ZONE

At the traffic meeting at Glebe Town Hall on 26th May, the Chair of Council's Traffic Committee, Ald. Betty Leone, displayed a plan for a section of Sheehy Street, Glebe, which, as well as additional grassed areas, planting and parking, incorporates an area that can be shared by pedestrians and vehicles. Narrowing and speed bumps force vehicles to slow down to 10 Kph. The area is marked by signs and differently coloured asphalt. This method, the first of its kind in the area, can be used with great effect in cul de sacs and lanes, where through traffic is not a problem. Our Traffic Sub-Committee awaits resident reaction with interest.

### OLD PUBLICAN'S RESIDENCE DEMOLISHED

The residence adjacent to the Excelsior Hotel, Bridge Road, which was about forty years older than the Hotel itself, has been demolished to make way for a beer garden. The Society's Planning Sub-committee rashly assumed that the attractive front section would be preserved, as a beer garden fronting Bridge Road did not seem very appealing. The Society is writing to express its concern that the building was not adequately evaluated, as required by LEP 20.

The original hotel was the subject of a Royal Commission in 1902, as a result of the efforts of Sergeant Hogg of the NSW Police to prevent illicit trading. Sergeant Hogg was a resident of Glebe and ended his days in Northcote Street.

### MONDAY GROUP

The Monday Group's next meeting will be on 18th July at 12 noon, at the home of Sally Nelson, 1 Allen Street. Bring lunch for one person, as usual.

### HAPPY HOURS

The next Happy Hour is at the home of our President, Peter Strickland, 207 Bridge Road, on Sunday 10th July at 11 am. The August Happy Hour will be on Sunday 21st at Gwen and Jeanette Knox's home, 26 Victoria Road, also at 11 am.

Wine, soft drinks and 'nibblies' will be provided and there will be a charge of \$1 to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome.

### DINING OUT IN GLEBE

Our next two restaurants are:

Daniel's Garden Restaurant - 79 Glebe Point Road - Tuesday 2nd August at 6.30.

Aniello's Trattoria - 284 Bridge Road (on the corner of Junction Street) - on Tuesday 6th September at 6.30 pm.

Please ring Col or Jean MacKenzie (660 0492) if you are coming to either of these dinners. New members are especially welcome.



### HOUSE INSPECTION NOW SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

The date of the House Inspection has been changed to tie in with the Open Day which had already been planned by Lyndhurst, one of the houses on our proposed list.

Jeff Ibbotson would still welcome help with the organisation of this most important event.

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October

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DAY 1 \* Australia — A Land Worth Caring For

DAY 2 \* Have We Cared For It? \* The Future

EVENING Conference Dinner

DAY 3 \* Overcoming Institutional Constraints \* The Way Ahead

FEES

Full Registration Fee (3 days): \$250

Concession registration fee: \$100

(Available to delegates of environmental/community groups.)

PLAQUE BACK IN BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

The plaque commemorating the opening of the Park, which was stolen about a year ago, has been replaced. That's the good news. The bad news is that there is still no sign of a toilet block, an essential amenity if we are to use this Park and its excellent barbecue facilities in comfort.

GLEBE TOWN HALL DAMAGED BY FIRE

On Saturday 25th June at 1.30 am, Glebe Town Hall was severely damaged by fire. Although there are few external signs of the fire, the interior of the upper part, including the elaborate ceiling in the Upper Hall and much of the fine carving, has been damaged or destroyed. We understand that the cost of restoration will be \$750,000.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 10th July - 11 am - Happy Hour - 207 Bridge Road.
  - Monday 18th July - 12 noon - Monday Group - 1 Allen Street.
  - Tuesday 19th July - 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst.
- BULLETIN DEADLINE
- Sunday 24th July - 12.30 pm - Birthday Party - Glebe Rowing Club - Ferry Road.
  - Tuesday 2nd August - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Daniel's Garden Restaurant - 79 Glebe Point Road.
  - Wednesday 10th August - 7.30 pm - Annual General Meeting - St Johns Church Hall.
  - Monday 15th August - Monday Group.
  - Sunday 21st August - 11am - Happy Hour - 26 Victoria Road.
  - Tuesday 6th September - 6.30 pm - Dining Out - Aniello's Trattoria - 284 Bridge Rd.
  - Sunday 30th October - House Inspection.

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham - 660 7780

PLANNING

John Tinkler - 692 9032

TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

HAROLD PARK

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

WENTWORTH PARK

Maureen Colman - 660 2302

JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

LIGHT RAIL

John Hoddinott - 692 0071

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 964 1729 (W).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	Peter Strickland	660 7624 (H)
		964 1729 (W)
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		922 3877 (W)
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		692 2451 (W)
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Jeff Ibbotson	660 7713 (H)
		237 7578 (W)
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Peter O'Gorman	660 0302 (H)
		925 9759 (W)
<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	Sue Littleton	660 5610
	John Tinkler	692 9032 (H)

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Monday Group:	Sally Nelson	660 6138
Playreading Group:	Ian Edwards	660 6406

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS: HOUSEHOLD \$15; INDIVIDUAL \$12; PENSIONER OR STUDENT \$5. Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.