

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## REPORT ON THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 19th AGM of the Glebe Society, held on Wednesday 10th August, was well attended. Those present had an interesting and informative evening.

Peter Strickland's President's Report gave a comprehensive resume of the past year's efforts. A copy of this report is included with your Bulletin.

The Treasurer's report, prepared by Peter O'Gorman and presented by Peter Strickland, showed that the Society's financial position is sound, but that we will need the extra income which we hope to generate from the House Inspection to enable us to carry out our future plans.

Neil Macindoe presented the Planning Subcommittee's report, which praised the new Council's open policy, which has enabled the Society to present submissions knowing that they will be examined on their merits. Other matters included in the Planning Report have been, or will be, covered fully in our Bulletins.

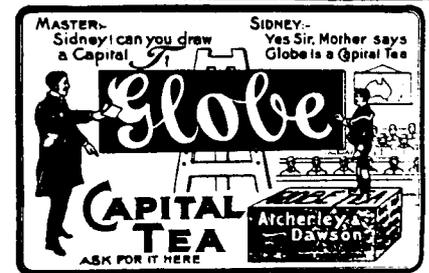
Jeanette Knox's Traffic Report also praised the new Council. Jeanette has had several meetings with the convenor of the Council Traffic Committee, Ald. Betty Leone, which have been beneficial. Traffic problems will continue, but Leichhardt Council is now more sympathetic.

John Hoddinott reported on the Light Rail proposal, saying that little has been achieved in the 8 years that the Society has been promoting the idea. (See p.4 for the latest developments.)

In his report on progress towards the Bicentennial Park, John Buckingham suggested that the Society should press for extension of the park to the Annandale side. He also said that the marina issue will resurface and should be examined on its own merits, and that the cleaning up of Rozelle Bay should be pursued.

Maureen Colman, who has been investigating the problem of Wentworth Park, reported that the problem is so great that no advances

Globe Capital Tea.  
Atcherley & Dawson,  
Sydney; 1904.



have been made in the past year. A concerted effort is needed to push the Government into stirring the Wentworth Park Trust into action and Maureen felt that she did not have enough time available to do the task justice.

After these reports had been presented, the motions listed in the August Bulletin were discussed and passed with only minor changes.

The election of officers then took place. Peter Strickland, Jeffrey Ibbotson and Andrew Wood are continuing in their previous positions. Peter Kolbe was elected Treasurer and Marianne von Knobelsdorff as a Committee member. Further volunteers for the Committee will be welcome.

The meeting closed at approximately 11pm.

## HELP NEEDED

The Society needs help in the following ways:

- Convenors for the Planning and Wentworth Park Sub-committees.
- A new Social Secretary to replace Col and Jean MacKenzie, who are happy to take phone calls but who would prefer to hand over further responsibility.
- More Committee members.
- Minders and other help for the House Inspection (see Page 3).
- Information Stall minders for Lyndhurst's Open Day (29th October) and the Glebe Street Fair (13th November)
- A convenor and helpers for the Heritage Sub-Committee (see page 2).
- People for the Public Transport Sub-Committee (see page 5).

Please ring any Committee member if you can help. All offers welcome.

## DEMOLITION PROPOSED FOR 1840's COTTAGE

Members will recall the Committee requesting classification and a heritage study for a row of three post-Regency buildings which, like Juniper Hall in Paddington, once was concealed behind shopfronts. These three buildings, behind Glebe Point Road shops between Palmerston Street and Ferry Road, are Salem House, Lynwood and a gardener's cottage. They are contemporary with Rothwell Lodge, 24 Ferry Road, and only fifty metres distant. Rothwell Lodge is now protected by a Permanent Conservation Order and is being restored by the noted conservation architect Otto Cserhalmi, who has recently joined the Society and will move both family and business to the site. Mr Cserhalmi is also restoring Glebe Town Hall.

Recently a development application was lodged with Leichhardt Council to totally demolish everything on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Ferry Road, including the shops from 335 to 341. No 335 is the perfectly preserved bootmaker's shop still used by Eric Shaw, with the recent aid of an assistant. Behind 341, La Vera Pizza, are a number of terrace houses, and these will also be destroyed. An even more grievous loss will be the 1840's gardener's cottage, which is situated behind these shops.

The proposed replacement is on three levels; a below-ground area holding 20 cars, a ground level with four replacement shops and office space at the back, and an upper floor consisting entirely of office space. The facade is well designed and would blend in quite well with existing two-storey shopfronts in the same block.

The Committee is very concerned, however, that the new building appears to have three times the floor space permitted by IDO 27, the instrument controlling Neighbourhood Business.

Therefore, despite its sympathetic design, the proposed development not only grossly exceeds planning limits, but also involves loss of accommodation and destruction of rare and irreplaceable buildings. Members who wish to secure a development that preserves the valuable items on the site should address their objections to:

Mr Tony Woodward,  
Acting Town Clerk,  
P.O. Box 45,  
Leichhardt 2040.

## HAROLD PARK HOTEL

We hope that residents won't experience problems from increased activities at the Harold Park Hotel. If there are problems, please let the Committee know.

## HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

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The volume of business at the AGM precluded the formation of this new Sub-committee and members are now encouraged to join in a very pleasant and rewarding task.

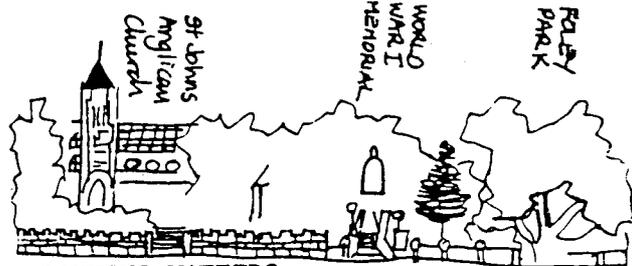
Projects the Sub-committee could consider include the collection of historical data on buildings in Glebe, especially those of unusual interest but without current additional protection, a photographic survey of Glebe (or at least a plan for one), and a survey of mature plantings, parks and other heritage features.

Membership of this Sub-committee is well-suited to retired, unemployed or disabled folk who have wanted to make a contribution for their own satisfaction but who have been uncertain how it might be done.

There are many other tasks involving filing, record-keeping, newspaper clipping and research which would be of value to the Society but are too time-consuming for Committee Members and Convenors, who are generally managing full-time jobs and major campaigns as well. If you would like to help, have some spare time and can work without supervision, please contact a Committee Member.

## CLASSIFICATION FOR PARKS

The National Trust has asked the Society to nominate Glebe parks of heritage significance. The Committee is considering nomination of at least five major Glebe parks and will request inclusion of all those nominated in the Glebe Conservation Area.



## OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

The Planning Sub-committee has resubmitted a number of issues to Leichhardt Council and has added another nine more recent issues.

The Sub-committee has drawn the attention of both Leichhardt Council and the National Trust to the recent disfigurement of the attractive pair of classified terraces, 207-209 Glebe Point Road (previously Bassett's Restaurant).

Objections are being lodged to two other Glebe Point Road developments, one (195-197) because of unsympathetic facade treatment and the other (303) as a gross overdevelopment. The Sub-committee has also written requesting preservation of the existing terrace and cobblestones of Marchant's Garage (174-176 Bridge Road).

Planning for the inspection is now well underway. So far these are the confirmed "openers" :

Hereford House & Kerribree  
 (N.S.W. College of Nursing)  
 Toxteth Park (St Scholastica's)  
 Bidura  
 Lyndhurst  
 Mitchell St Hall  
 (Dept of Housing display)  
 Demeter Bakery  
 St John's Church  
 Keep Australia Beautiful Council  
 Sze Yup Chinese Temple

Private residences should be included, but there has been a deafeningly silent response from members. Insurance has been arranged which should cover most concerns. Limiting numbers inside at any one time should help control the wallpaper scratchers and carpet lifters.

But the crowds will only be kept at bay if there is a good number of minders available. Again the response has been underwhelming.

If the weather is kind there could be a large number of people to shepherd around. So far enquiries have come in from four historical societies. One wishes to bring a bus load of visitors. We will need all members to help.

Each building will need a head minder to wander in and out during the day. Two minders will be needed for the morning (10 to 1) and two for the afternoon (2-5) If there are 15 buildings open we will need 75 minders ! So ring Jeff Ibbotson (660 7713) or Sue Littleton (660 5610) to secure your place at your favourite building. Remember each minder receives a free ticket.

Lyndhurst will be open on both Saturday and Sunday to the general public. This will be Lyndhurst's grand opening. We have been asked to have a stall. Again we will need members on the Saturday to help publicise the Society's activities and sell tickets for Sunday's inspection. Help on both days and receive a double free ticket to compensate for your sore feet !

Sponsors have been much more forthcoming than members with assistance. Fraser's Antiques and Architectural Heritage have offered generously to help with the costs of producing the booklet which will guide visitors around the suburb.

Rostihaus, Cafe Troppo, The Pudding Shop and Ragtime restaurant will be helping to keep visitors refreshed and nourished. They too are helping with production costs.

St John's will be holding a coffee and cakes stall to aid their restoration fund. An organ recital will be given at 3 pm.

Gleebooks is also assisting and will be selling tickets.

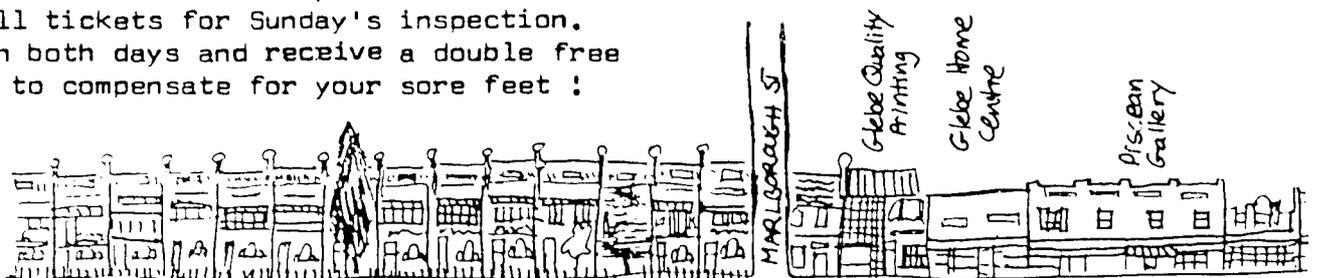
Ticket prices are :  
 Family (2 adults) \$15  
 Single \$10  
 Pensioner & Cons \$ 5  
 Minders FREE

Tickets should be available from Gleebooks from early October (if we have some talented members to assist with the production of the ticket/guide). Tickets will also be available on the day, Sunday 30th October from Hereford House, 53 Hereford Street and Lyndhurst Darghan Street from 10 o'clock.

Contact Jeff or Sue now to be a :

- 1 House minder.
- 2 House opener.
- 3 Publicity maker.
- 4 Ticket seller - Saturday & Sunday.
- 5 Guide book maker.
- 6 Poster designer.
- 7 Artist who can do line drawings for the guide book.
- 8 Help in locating any of the above.

There is an urgent need for a member to design an eye catching poster which must be produced very soon.



## BICENTENNIAL PARK UPDATE

Most members will be pleased to see the progress taking place in the Bicentennial Park. However the intransigence of the squatters remains an obstacle. The case is due to be heard in the Supreme Court on Friday 23rd September, but even if that finalises things very quickly the delay to the park caused by the squatters will inevitably lead to both the demolition contractor and the development contractor requiring compensatory payments. The extra cost caused by squatters will inevitably be borne by rate-payers of the Municipality.

Despite that sour note, we still see the possibility of the park being completed by Christmas and certainly Council intends having the opening some time in December.

Thanks to those people who made suggestions concerning means to keep motor bikes out of the park, while allowing wheelchairs in. The best of these suggestions, the careful placing of obstacle blocks, has been taken up by the landscape architect, Bruce McKenzie, who will work on a design which will not detract in any way from the park.

John Buckingham.

## LIGHT RAIL

Earlier this year the Society wrote to Leichhardt Municipal Council urging it to support a feasibility study for Light Rail. A copy of the Glebe Society Light Rail Monograph, prepared by John Gerofi, was also sent to Council. The Town Planner recommended that Council support the proposal.

The Mayor invited the Society to a meeting with Aldermen to discuss the matter. John Hoddinott and members of the Committee met with the Mayor and other Aldermen on August 20th.

We are happy to report that Council wholeheartedly supports the Light Rail concept. As Ald. Spedding remarked, it is one of the few issues where Council has voted 12 - 0 in favour.

John Hoddinott is to consult John Gerofi and prepare a more detailed proposal to publicise the concept and gain Government and private enterprise support.

Another Train Ride is in the wind. Watch this space!

## HISTORICAL AND FAMILY ENQUIRIES

We frequently receive 'History' enquiries from people with links with Glebe. The Balmain Association have information of this type on computer. Do we have any members interested in compiling a Glebe computer-based information directory?

## RAHS NATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

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The Royal Australian Historical Society is holding a conference 'Bridging the Gap: National Issues in Local History' at Macquarie University, 1 - 3 October 1988. This is so interesting and important that the Society will pay registration fees (\$42) for two members to attend. The conference would be a good introduction for members interested in the Heritage Sub-committee.

Papers will be presented on the Saturday and Sunday. There will be a choice of excursions on the Monday. There will also be a dinner on Saturday 1st, at which Harry Seidler will speak on 'Conservation and Facadism'. Phone Jeff Ibbotson if you would like to go to the conference or the dinner.

## Leichhardt Municipal Council RECYCLING SERVICE



**'Do the  
Right Thing.  
Recycle.'**



Please place all glass bottles and jars as well as newspapers and cardboard, PET soft drink bottles (with the distinctive dark base cup) aluminium cans and clean steel food cans, in cartons outside your front gate on the night before...

This service appears to be working well and we encourage all members to support it. If your household did not receive the notice about it, phone the Council to find out the dates for your area.

Other useful means of disposing of unwanted articles are special Wednesday pickups, made free by the Council if you ring them, and the Council Tip, 50-54 Moore Street, Leichhardt, which accepts non-putrescible materials from 7.45 to 11.30am and 1 to 3.45pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

## GLEBE SOCIETY BADGES?

Some members have suggested that we provide members with badges to wear at Society functions and when representing the Society. Do we need badges, and if so, what design?

MetroTen bus tickets are now in full operation, but have been little publicized. However they are a great invention, saving both time and money. For journeys of up to 9 sections, you save 45% on normal fares by buying a ticket for 10 journeys in advance; the \$2 fare costs only \$1.10 and the \$1 fare only 55c. There is no time limit on Metro-Ten tickets and you can use them to pay for a friend's fare too.

Travelpass tickets, which can save up to 50% on bus, train and ferry fares are also available, but as the savings depend on the number of journeys made during a specified period, they are only of use to regular travellers.

The advantages of these new tickets are:

1. You save money
2. There is no need to look for your change or to carry change
3. Entry to the bus is quicker. You just stick the ticket into the red validator machine at the entry of any bus.

If more people bought these tickets, or if all tickets had to be bought in advance, as in Germany and Switzerland, the advantages would be tremendous. MetroTen tickets would be even better if they also could be used for all types of transport.

The faster bus service resulting from the driver getting on with driving the bus, instead of collecting fares, would attract more people to use public transport instead of private cars. This would mean less traffic jams and less pollution. There would also be more revenue for the Urban Transit Authority, which could use the money to provide a more effective service by, for instance, increasing the frequency of routes like the 459.

MetroTen tickets can be purchased at selected newsagents, at railway stations near bus routes or at bus depots.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The present Traffic Sub-committee concentrates on roads - a major area of concern. A separate Public Transport Sub-committee would help to spread the work load.

If you are interested in this topic, please tell a Committee member.

Mr David Drain, who must surely be the oldest member of the Glebe Society, will be 104 years old on September 15th.

His daughter Dorothy, with whom he has lived since 1982, says that he is still very interested in what goes on in the world and reads the Bulletin regularly.

We all wish Mr Drain a very happy Birthday.

**MONDAY GROUP**

The next meeting of the Monday Group will be on September 19th at 12 noon at the home of Catherine Buck, 9 Alexandra Road, Glebe Point. Please bring lunch for one person. As Sally will be on holiday the previous week, ring Catherine on 660 2879 if you have any queries.

**HAPPY HOURS**

The next Happy Hour will be on Sunday 25th September at 11am, at the home of Edwina Doe, 224 Bridge Road (near Ross Street). It will be held in the garden if weather permits. Wine, soft drinks and 'nibblies' will be provided and there is a charge of \$1 to cover expenses.

We will not have a Happy Hour in October as all our energies will be directed towards the House Inspection. The November Happy Hour, on Sunday 27th November, is being arranged by Marianne von Knobelsdorff and Peter Kolbe, our two new Committee Members.

**DINING OUT IN GLEBE**

The restaurants for the next two months are:

Thai Silk - 28 Glebe Point Road (where Chez Pierre used to be) - on Tuesday 11th October at 6.30pm.

Nag's Head ('Posh Pub with outdoor restaurant') - 162 St Johns Road - Tuesday 1st November at 6.30pm.

Please ring Col or Jean Mackenzie (660 0492) if you are coming to either of these dinners.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

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

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| Geoffrey | Boon   |
| Ruth     | Disher |
| Mr H.S.  | James  |
| Luke     | Ketas  |
| Betty    | Mason  |
| Robert   | Sebes  |

## TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE WORKSHOP

A workshop on 'Urban Parks, Bushland and Other Natural Areas' will be held at The Glover Cottages, 124 Kent Street, Sydney on Thursday 15th September, 6 - 8pm. Registrations officially close on 9th September, but if you are interested in attending, ring Jeff Ibbotson (who will be going) straight away. Registration costs \$5.

## HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST EVENTS

The following are recommended to members:

**DEMOLISHED HOUSES OF NSW** - a major exhibition at Elizabeth Bay House. 10am - 4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday until 7th November.

**GARDENESQUE** - an exhibition and sale of 19th Century original and reproduction garden furniture etc.. Elizabeth Farm, Granville, Sat/Sun 17th & 18th September 10am - 4.30pm.

**COLONIAL COLOURS** - an exhibition and demonstration of colonial paint colours and decorative finishes, especially designed for home renovators. Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd October, 10am - 4.30, at Elizabeth Farm, Granville.

**OPENING OF CONSERVATION RESOURCES CENTRE - LYNDBURST.** Saturday 29th October. The Glebe Society will have an information stall.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19th September - 12 noon - Monday Group - 9 Alexandra Road, Glebe Point.

Tuesday 20th September - 7.30pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday 25th September - 11am - Happy Hour - 224 Bridge Road, near Ross Street.

Tuesday 11th October 6.30pm - Dining Out - Thai Silk, 28 Glebe Point Road.

Monday 17th October - Monday Group.

Saturday 29th October - Opening of Lyndhurst Resource Centre.

Sunday 30th October - House Inspection - All hands on deck please!

Tuesday 1st November - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Nag's Head, 162 St Johns Road.

Sunday 13th November - Glebe Street Fair. (There won't be a Glebe Community Fair this year. The fire in Glebe Town Hall has upset the plans.)

Sunday 27th November - Happy Hour.

## CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

All Convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee

### BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham - 660 7780

### PLANNING

Contact a Committee Member

### TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

### BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

### HAROLD PARK

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

### JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 2302

### WENTWORTH PARK

Contact a Committee Member

### LIGHT RAIL

John Hoddinott - 692 0071

### HERITAGE

Contact a Committee Member

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Contact a Committee Member

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

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**PRESIDENT:** Peter Strickland 660 7624 (H)  
964 7629 (W)

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692 2451 (W)

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922 3877 (W)

**SECRETARY:** Jeff Ibbotson 660 7713 (H)  
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**TREASURER:** Peter Kolbe 660 8807 (H)

**COMMITTEE:** Marianne von 660 0916 (H)  
Knobelsdorff 290 2577 (W)

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**Social Secretary:**

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New Members' Rep; Sue Littleton 660 5610

Monday Group: Sally Nelson 660 6138

Playreading Group: Ian Edwards 660 6406

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### MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Household \$15, Individual \$12, Student or Pensioner \$5. Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.