

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## HOUSE INSPECTION - SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

The following buildings may be inspected in any order between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and between 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please do not disturb owners outside these hours.

- 1 HEREFORD HOUSE  
(53 Hereford Street)  
Open all day
- 2 KERRIBREE  
(55 Hereford Street)
- 3 THE LODGE  
(Corner Toxteth and  
Avenue Roads)
- 4 AROHA  
(25 Toxteth Road)
- 5 TOXTETH PARK  
(St Scholastica's Convent)  
Grounds open all day, interior  
to 12.30 p.m. only)
- 6 SZE YUP TEMPLE  
(Edward Street)
- 7 BIDURA  
(357 Glebe Point Road)
- 8 LYNDHURST  
(Darghan Street)  
Open all day
- 9 OLD FIRE STATION  
(Mitchell Street)
- 10 DEMETER BAKERY  
(Corner Mitchell and  
Derwent Streets)
- 11 ST JOHN'S CHURCH  
(St John's Road)  
From 11.00 a.m., Organ  
recital at 3.00 p.m.
- 12 THE HERMITAGE  
(154 Bridge Road)
- 13 YORK TERRACE  
(179 Bridge Road)
- 14 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL  
COUNCIL  
(223b Bridge Road)
- 15 PENHARWOOD  
(148 Hereford Street)



## MINDERS FOR THE HOUSE INSPECTION

Offers are coming in, but we still need volunteers to mind houses and buildings for the House Inspection. Please ring Jeff Ibbotson, Peter Strickland or Sue Littleton by **22nd October** to offer your services if you have not already volunteered. Tell them which shift you would prefer, 9.45am - 1pm or 1.45 - 5pm. (Remember you will get a free ticket for the rest of the day.)

All minders will be contacted before the 30th and told where and when they will be needed.

**N.B. The clocks go forward on that Sunday, so we will all have to get up an hour early.**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 'THE HABIT'

This year's Christmas Party will be:

- \* at 'The Habit' (corner of Glebe Point Road and St Johns Road).
- \* on Sunday 11th December
- \* at 12.30pm for 1pm
- \* cost \$16.00 for an Entree and Main Course chosen from their a la carte menu (vegetarian meals available) plus Garlic Bread.
- \* wine and soft drinks are available at a reasonable price.
- \* bookings by Friday 2nd December - ring Isobel Dupre on 660 4524 or Col & Jean MacKenzie on 660 0492.

Everyone is welcome. Come along and bring that friend or neighbour who has always intended to join the Society.

HOUSE INSPECTION - SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

Planning for the house inspection is just about complete.

In addition to the nine buildings listed in the last Bulletin, there are now five private homes which have been generously offered by members. The Hermitage, in Bridge Road, an important building by Reuss, has been made available by a group who are not members of the Society (yet).

The Demeter Bakery group are also enthusiastic to be involved. They may include Harkness Studio, which was once Glebe's silent picture theatre.

A poster has been designed as a project by Randwick TAFE Graphic Arts class. It has now been printed and should be seen in shops around the suburb. A poster is enclosed with this Bulletin. It is not for your fridge but is for promoting the event anywhere you think people interested in coming to the inspection will see it.

A guide booklet to accompany the tour is in the final stages of preparation. It will be an expanded version of the walking guide printed by the Society some time ago.

The new guide will contain a number of illustrations, including two which have been especially commissioned for the occasion. It is hoped that the new guide will provide an attractive presentation of our suburb to a large number of people who ask the Society and local bookshops for information on Glebe.

If there is a favourable response to the guide, it will be reprinted and sold through local bookshops.

Two members have advanced the cost of the first two illustrations. These "loans" are to be repaid from future sales of the guide. If the reprint is to be better than the first edition all it will need is more illustrations.

If you wish to sponsor a drawing of your favourite building, or know a business which will come to the party contact Jeff Ibbotson now. You may get your money back sooner than expected if sales are good.

The committee is considering using six of the illustrations from the guide for a calendar. Before committing the Society to this expenditure we need a response to gauge the feasibility of such a venture.

Please place an order now by contacting a committee member. If the response is encouraging we will try to produce the calendar by 30th October.

There has been a steady flow of offers to mind buildings. But there are still plenty of vacancies. We need people to walk around and keep an eye on the building. We need some to sit at the door to check tickets and some to sell tickets at Lyndhurst and Hereford House. There will be time for minders to see other buildings. Of course, each minder receives a free ticket and guide.

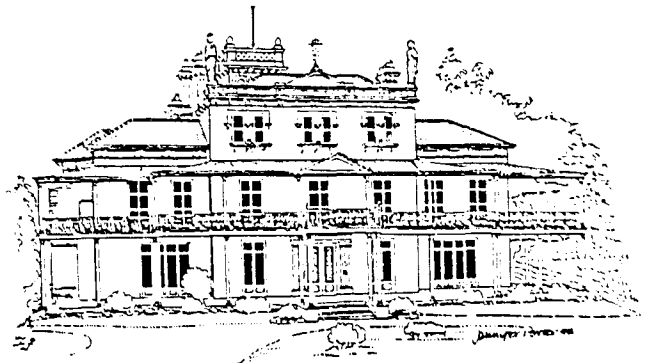
The ticket will list the buildings which are open and provide a suggested route, which will be marked on map to be printed on the ticket.

The guide will provide a description of important buildings, many of which will not be open, but which are on the route. It will have a more detailed fold out map.

We hope to have tickets ready for sale at Gleebooks from 15th October. The guide can be collected by ticket holders on the day from Lyndhurst or Hereford House, on presentation of their ticket. Tickets will of course be sold on the day at these two buildings.

So, remember to bring your friends to this important event for the Society. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be available at St John's, Rostihaus, The Pudding Shop, Ragtime and Cafe Troppo. Take your daily bread at Demeter Bakery. Listen to the organ recital at St John's at 3 pm. With all of that, there may be barely time to see the buildings! You would be best advised to start out soon after 10 am, especially as St Scholastica's will only be opening Toxteth House in the morning (the grounds are open all day).

Telephone Jeff Ibbotson (660 7713, best on week nights) Peter Strickland (660 7624) or Sue Littleton (660 5610) immediately to be a minder or illustration sponsor, or if you can use more posters or handbills.



## GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE

Several members of the Society visited the DMR's offices in Castlereagh Street on 22 September at the invitation of the Department, to inspect and discuss plans for a new Glebe Island Bridge.

The Society is not enthusiastic about the prospect of a high level bridge so close to residential areas of Glebe. However, if there is to be a bridge, the new one being planned has attractions as a design.

Members were pleased to learn that the DMR plans to coordinate the construction of the west-bound access road on to the new bridge from Ultimo with the building of the bridge itself - a stayed cable design. This alleviates to some extent one of the serious concerns the Society has had up to now - that the bridge would be the last element of the road system to be completed and that Glebe would suffer major traffic overloads in the period between completion of the new arterial roads and the construction of the bridge.

Planned access roads at the western approaches to the bridge, however, leave much to be desired. The obnoxious container truck loop road into the Crescent is still planned (with its concomitant infilling of the end of

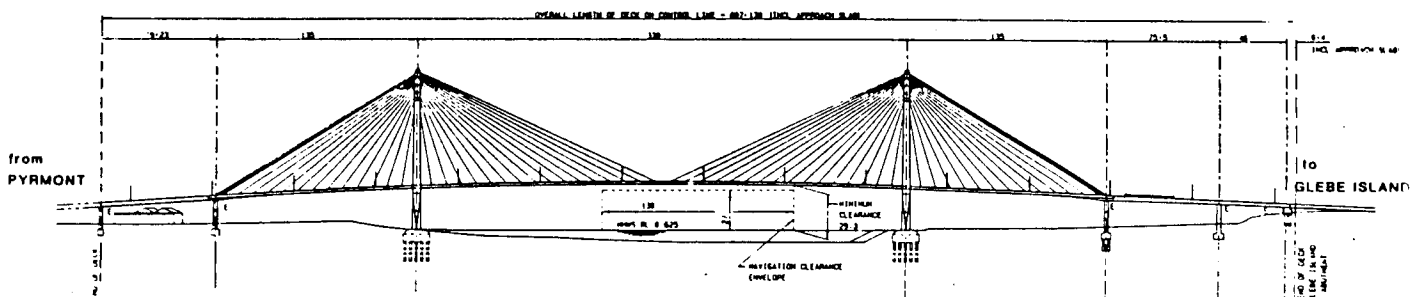
Rozelle Bay). This design partly results from the requirements of the Maritime Services Board and from the fact that the DMR cannot influence the MSB to any extent.

The Society believes that what is required is a complete redesign of the Glebe Island area to incorporate a road that would be both an access road to the new arterials and a service road for the MSB's operations on the Island. The opportunity for and timeliness of a coordinated plan for the area is underlined by the anticipated closure in the near future of the grain handling facilities at Glebe Island which would enable the MSB to review its needs, operations and facilities on the site.

The model bridge, photographs and plans are on display in the Castlereagh Street Office of the DMR until 24 October. Members are urged to try and call in and view the proposals. We should be interested to have your comments or copies of any letters you may feel impelled to write.

The Management Committee is seeking to pursue with the Government the question of an overall plan for Glebe Island and adjacent areas - with particular reference to road design plans.

Jeanette Knox



### AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT - Extracts from the article by Catherine Lumby in The Eastern Herald, 13th October 1988.

In Leichhardt, where a heritage study is under way, powerful conservation groups oversee any structural alterations to houses in the municipality and submit their recommendations to the council. Botany Council, in contrast, makes no provision for conservation in its local environment plan.

In Glebe, the Glebe Society takes an active role in preserving what it sees as the unique historic, architectural and social environment. Recognition of Glebe's heritage value is also built into the local council's stringent local environment plan.

The president of the society, Mr Peter Strickland, praised Leichhardt Council's stance on conservation. "They're usually very sympathetic to our concerns," he said.

Mr Strickland outlined the society's methods for overseeing development in the area. "Firstly, we monitor every development application which goes to the council and make a report if necessary. Secondly, we simply walk around the area and take note of any alterations which are going on."

The society's main concern is to prevent alterations to the existing

character of buildings or to the streetscape.

Yet the attention of the Glebe Society is not always welcomed by residents. One recent beneficiary of its scrutiny referred to members of the society as "a pack of yuppies who only care about their real estate values".

"These people have gained control of what was a working-class area and are trying to push their values on to everyone. A lot of us here aren't that rich. Simply having a house is more important than how it looks," he said.

# Council set to fight plan to sell Harold Park for housing

By PAOLA TOTARO,  
City Reporter

Leichhardt Council is gearing up for a battle over plans to sell the Harold Park Raceway and rezone it for housing.

The site, which is owned by the Harness Racing Association, covers nearly three hectares of prime land in the inner-city suburb of Glebe.

Selling the site could raise between \$70 million and \$100 million for the association. This is earmarked to move trotting and harness racing to a new site in Homebush, the State Government announced yesterday. (Full report: Page 5)

Leichhardt Council's town clerk, Mr Tony Woodward, said the land was zoned as open space for sports and recreation, and should remain that way.

"Leichhardt's planning scheme has, since the early 1970s, envisaged that the Harold Park site would remain open space," he said yesterday.

"We imagine that there would be fairly heavy opposition to a rezoning which would allow any development on that site which would erode green space."

Mr Woodward said there were already too few "green spots" in Leichhardt.

"If you look at the overall picture you see that the municipality does not have that many open space green areas. People who created the plan many years ago held the view that that site should stay green, not be developed."

Mr Woodward said the council had not yet received a firm proposal for rezoning from the Harness Racing Association. It was told of

plans to sell the track on Tuesday.

"We have seen nothing concrete ... but there is sure to be a 'yike' about it from residents.

"The point is that it really does not appear to be fair to make a decision like this that will affect, and be done at the expense of, local residents."

According to a spokeswoman for the Department of Environment and Planning, a site of similar size to the Harold Park Raceway could hold 60 small detached courtyard homes.

"If the density was raised and townhouse-style development was envisaged then about 100 dwellings could be built to house about 400 people," she said.

S.M.H. 13th October 1988

According to this article, the cost of the land only would be \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 for each of the 100 smaller dwellings. We'll be getting some very classy neighbours.

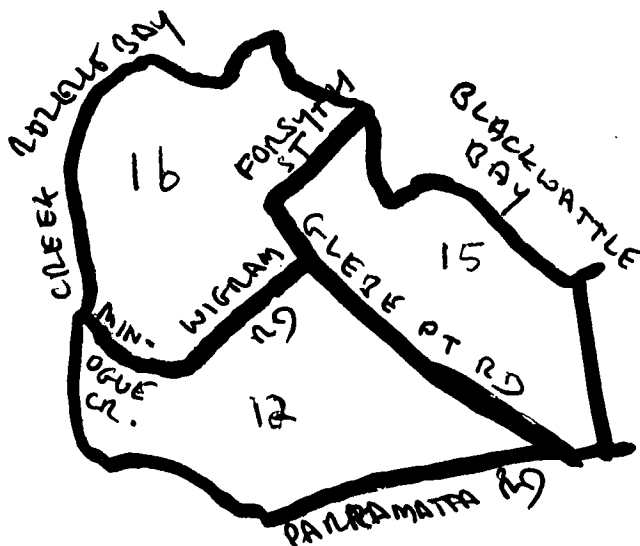
The Glebe Society is pleased that the 'Trots' will be going and is preparing its recommendations for use of the site. Please phone Gideon Rutherford on 692 0293 with your comments.

## GARBAGE RECYCLING SERVICE

The collection days for the special collections of newspapers, bottles and jars, steel or aluminium cans and PET plastic bottles, are:

- Area 12 - 4th Tuesday of each month
- Area 15 - 3rd Thursday of each month
- Area 16 - 4th Wednesday of each month.

The areas are shown in the sketch map below. Ring Moons Recycling Pty Ltd on 51 1004 if you need further information.



## BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham

The squatters who have been delaying progress on the Bicentennial Park have formally consented, before the matter reached the latest Court hearing, to vacate the building by 4pm on 17th October. We can only assume that this obligation will be met and that there will be no further impediments to the Park.

Look forward to the Grand Opening on or about 17th December.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FETE - 22nd OCTOBER

The combined groups of Neighbourhood Watch in Glebe are holding a Fete on Saturday 22nd October, from 10am to 2pm in St Johns Hall (Record Reign Hall), corner of St Johns Road and Derwent Street.

Private stalls are available for \$10. For further information, ring Beau Olsen after 5pm on 660 3009.

The F8/4 Neighbourhood Watch area is holding its next meeting on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30 pm at the Uniting Church, Toxteth Road. The F8/4 area is bounded by Toxteth Road, Ferry Road, Taylor Street, Bridge Road and Booth Street, plus the Arthur/Albert Street area in Forest Lodge. All residents inside this area are welcome. Meetings usually last about an hour.



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### ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS - PLEASE WRITE NOW

The above groups have combined to write to the Society:

... We are fast approaching an environmental crisis in NSW. A strong public expression of outrage is vital if we are to convince the Coalition government that it is on THE WRONG TRACK.

... We sought and were granted an urgent summit meeting with the Premier. Despite the fact that Mr Greiner has reiterated his commitment that his government will be 'green' it is clear to us that the Premier needs an avalanche of protest letters. He has to be convinced that the direction of the government's policies is completely unacceptable.

We therefore ask you as a matter of urgency to write to the Premier expressing your strongest objections to these policies ....

The Glebe Society Committee urges members with particular concerns about or knowledge of environmental issues to write to Mr Greiner, with copies to the Glebe Society and the Nature Conservation Council (176 Cumberland Street, Sydney) of all letters and responses. Some major environmental issues are:

- \* the failure to acknowledge the need for State government responsibility for planning to ensure environmental protection.
- \* sale of remnant urban bushland for residential development in already urbanised areas (eg Lane Cove).
- \* calls for tenders for private tollways in both urban and rural areas without a prior assessment of the environmental impact of the route.
- \* redefinition of permissible activities in 'Environmental Protection Zones' and the sale of coastal Crown lands.

### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you joined the Society before 1st April and have forgotten to pay this year's fee, you will find a reminder invoice with this Bulletin (which will be the last one you will get if you don't renew your membership).

### SOCIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Isobel Dupre has answered our plea for a new Social Secretary and is gradually taking over from Col and Jean MacKenzie, who we thank for their help in the past.

The November 'Dining Out' is at The Nag's Head ('Posh Pub with outdoor restaurant') - 162 St Johns Road - Tuesday 8th November at 6.30pm. Ring Isobel, Col or Jean to book.

The last 'Happy Hour' for the year is at the home of Peter Kolbe, 2 Leichhardt Avenue (not Street), Glebe Point on Sunday 27th November at 11am. Marianne von Knobelsdorff will be providing the wine, soft drinks and 'nibblies'. There is a charge of \$1.00.

### 'THE GLEBE' WILL BE DELIVERED AGAIN - E. Doe

It is at least a year since The Glebe and Western Weekly paper has been delivered to homes in Glebe. It was only when a 40 cent charge was imposed recently for copies picked up from Newsagents that I discovered that the paper was being delivered to a large area from Hunters Hill to Earlwood and from Homebush to Annandale, but not to Glebe!

I have now been told by Mr Rose, the Distribution Manager, who inherited this situation when the paper changed hands, that he is arranging for copies to be delivered to homes in Glebe in the near future.

This is good news, as we rely heavily on The Glebe for information, especially about Leichhardt Council and Development Applications which might affect us.

Meanwhile, the only free source of The Glebe in Glebe appears to be Websters' Butchers, at 165 Glebe Point Road (near Caffe Troppo).

### FAMILY SEARCH - STANDISH BARNCASTLE

Brenda Burke, a member of the Liverpool and district Family History Society, is researching the Barncastle family and branches from it. Standish Barncastle and his wife Elizabeth settled in the Glebe area in 1831. Their first child, Margaret, was born 15th September 1832 at Glebe. Later, Standish ran a shoemaker's business in Glebe Point Road, where he lived until his death in 1884.

Brenda has not been able to find when Standish arrived in Australia, or whether he was free, convict or military and wonders if any older Glebe residents can help, as Barncastle is not a common name.

More recent family members were Emily Field (nee Parsons) who died aged 82 in 1931 at 157 St Johns Road, William Roland Parsons, who died in 1912 aged 66, and Walker, Platt, Young and Bailey families.

Please ring Brenda Burke on 728 3182 if you can help.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Society and look forward to meeting them at our Functions:

Cyril	Atkins
Lenore	Coltheart
Francis	Connor
June	Gapies
Richard	Hughes
George & Lucille	Johnston
Fran	Richardson
Helene	Routier
Antoinette & Carmen	Sherry
Herbert	Woodhouse

## INVITATION FROM THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

**B**icentennial Commemorative Plaques are being installed on buildings by the Balmain Rotary Club and the Balmain Association. A 'Heritage' Walk and picnic will be held on Sunday 13th November. Commencing at the Darling St. wharf the walk which will allow an inspection of the plaques in East Balmain. The route will proceed to the Watch House before returning to Peacock Park for the picnic and sausage sizzle.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th October - Committee Meeting.

Saturday 22nd October - 10am-2pm - Neighbourhood Watch Fete - Record Reign Hall.

Saturday 29th October - Opening of Lyndhurst Resource Centre.

**Sunday 30th October - House Inspection.**

Tuesday 8th November - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Nags Head, 162 St Johns Road. (Not 1st)

Sunday 13th November - Glebe Street Fair.

Sunday 13th November - Balmain Association Heritage Walk and Picnic.

Tuesday 15th November - Committee Meeting.

Monday 21st November - Monday Group's Christmas Party - Please ring Sally Nelson (660 6138) for details.

Sunday 27th November - 11am - Happy Hour - 2 Leichhardt Avenue.

Sunday 11th December - 12.30pm - Glebe Society Christmas Party - The Habit, corner of Glebe Point Road and St Johns Road.

This Bulletin was delayed to give you the latest details of the House Inspection. The next Bulletin, the last for this year, will be mailed out at the end of November.

## 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

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New Members' Rep; Sue Littleton 660 5610

Monday Group: Sally Nelson 660 6138

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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.