



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY

at
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
CORNER OF ST JOHNS ROAD & DERWENT
STREET, GLEBE
on
WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST AT 7.30pm

This is your chance to help set the priorities for the coming year. If you wish to join the Committee or put a Motion to the meeting, please send the enclosed form to PO Box 100, Glebe, by 9th August

The Agenda will include reports from major sub-committees (Planning, Traffic, Glebe Point Road Project) and formal motions on the following:

- * Adoption of new Constitution for Incorporation
- * Extent of Society's actions in opposition to Rozelle Bay Marina
- * Extent of Society's commitment to the Glebe Point Road Project

THE JUBILEE FOUNTAIN

Bobbie Burke

Leichhardt Council engineers have agreed to ascertain what work needs to be done to restore flowing water and electric light to the fountain. They expect that this will be within Council's resources and see little problem in carrying out this part of the restoration

The Glebe Point Road Project Committee has approached a landscape architect to advise on appropriate replanting and layout of the surrounding area which also contains an 1830s boundary stone marking the western boundary of the city of Sydney and a memorial plaque to Dave Sands, Empire middleweight boxing champion, laid in 1952.

Glebe En Fete - Lord Chelmsford Unveiling the Jubilee Fountain.



Lord Chelmsford addressing the large assembly of citizens at the Unveiling Ceremony.

(Photograph from the Town and Country Journal, 11 August 1909, p.37)

Max Solling, local historian, has given us the following details of the unveiling of the Jubilee Fountain in 1909:

1909 was a memorable year in Glebe. The press reported that 'The citizens are making arrangements for the elaborate decoration of the streets, and The Glebe will doubtless present a brilliant scene' Local people celebrated fifty years of local government in the district, as Glebe achieved municipal status on 2 August 1859. Glebe gained an impressive recreation area in its jubilee year (Jubilee Park) and there was extensive tree planting and a municipal ball, presided over by Mayor Stanley Cole. Perhaps the highlight of the celebrations was the unveiling of the fountain by the Governor, Lord Chelmsford, on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road.

GLEBE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDY

Jeanette Knox

The consultants' Draft Final Report was scheduled for discussion on 24 July at a meeting of the Leichhardt Council's Traffic Sub-Committee with resident representatives. Recommended traffic management proposals are illustrated on the map reproduced in this issue of the Bulletin. In summary these are:

1. For the Wigram Road/Ferry Road route

- conversion of left hand turn bays into Mansfield and Bell Streets into partial road closures
- modification of the intersection of Minogue Crescent and Wigram Road to discourage left turns into Wigram Road
- installation of a diagonal road closure at the intersection of Ferry Road and Taylor Street
- continuance of the unsignalled intersection at Wigram Road and Glebe Point Road.

2. For the Glebe Estate Area

Essentially support of Department of Housing proposals for the area, namely:

- road closure in Catherine Street
- speed humps in Glebe Street
- carriageway constrictions in Derwent and Westmoreland Streets by providing parallel parking bays on each side of the streets together with tree planting
- a number of pedestrian refuges and median islands.

3. For the Lyndhurst Area

- an increase in the size of the traffic island at the intersection of Bridge Road with Lyndhurst Street and Colbourne Avenue, and planting of additional trees
- a narrowing of Lyndhurst Street and landscaping
- prohibition of right hand turns from Bridge Road into Gottenham, Talfourd and Bellevue Streets, with a partial closure of Bellevue Street at Bridge Road.

The consultants emphasise that their recommendations are constrained by factors

outside the suburb, such as the regional road system, and the location of the suburb so close to the central city area. The only opportunity they see, in the foreseeable future, to control arterial traffic will arise with the construction of the City-West Link Road. In the meantime they believe that the implications of their recommendations should ameliorate the worst traffic impacts on local streets.

The Society hopes that Council will make the consultants' report and recommendations widely available for general public comment at an early date and that, if the recommendations are proceeded with, it will be in the recognition that they cannot be regarded as the final plan for Glebe in respect of traffic management.

Even this report does not address, for instance, the matter of traffic in relation to the commercial enterprises on Glebe Point Road (from Bridge Road to Parramatta Road this is still envisaged as a sub-arterial road) or the timing of the traffic lights at major intersections in Glebe

LETTERBOX DROP - REUSSDALE

The Glebe Society has distributed a leaflet with the following message to about 30 households in the immediate vicinity of Reussdale:

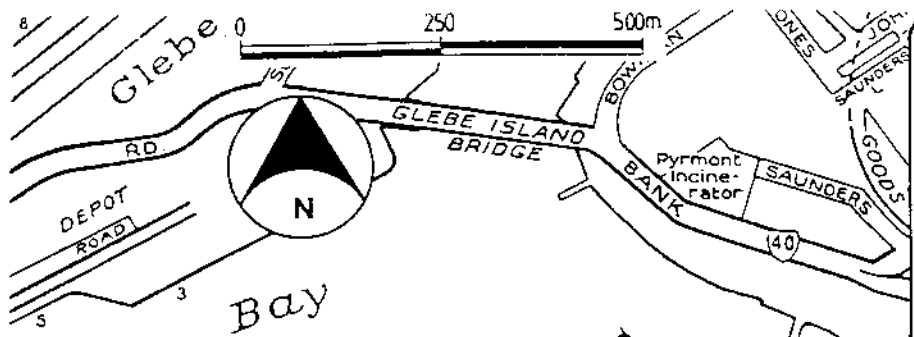
WHAT PRICE REUSSDALE?

Not satisfied with being allowed to demolish the small cottage 'Hamilton' (156 Bridge Road) in order to build a large reception centre, the Owners of the Abbey Restaurant now claim that they cannot restore Reussdale (160 Bridge Road - National Trust Classification, Permanent Conservation Order), deliberately neglected for many years, without building another reception centre behind it, for a total of 80 people. The total for the restaurant plus two reception halls is 395! Only 68 car parking spaces are to be provided (more than 6 people per vehicle - what will weekends be like!?).

Please write to:

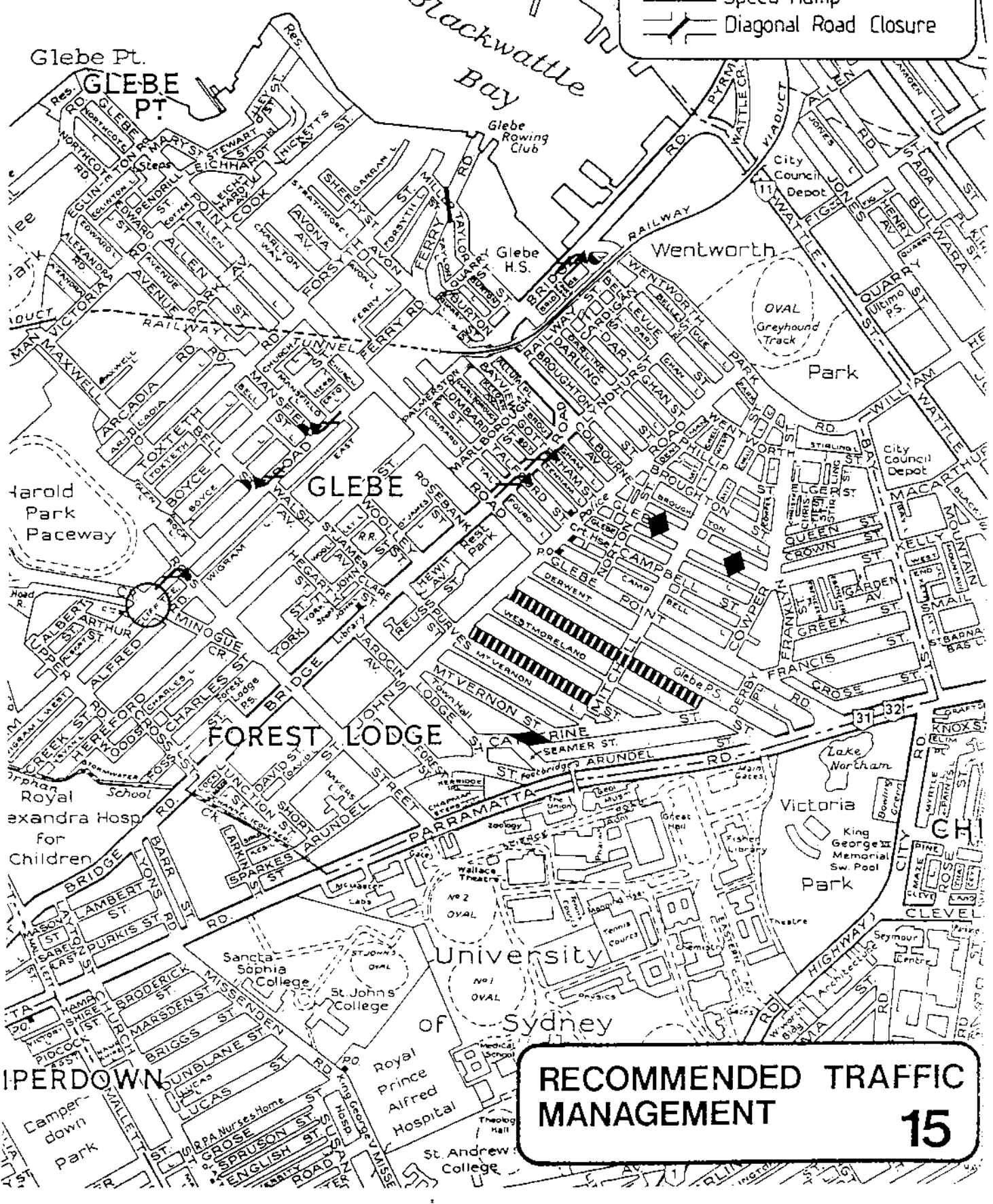
Mr Tony Woodward
Town Clerk
Leichhardt Municipal Council
PO Box 45
Leichhardt 2040

stating your wish to have Reussdale restored **WITHOUT** such massive over-development of the site.



Legend

- Partial Road Closure
- Full Road Closure
- Turn Prohibition
- Intersection Modification
- Carriageway Narrowing
- Speed Hump
- Diagonal Road Closure





THE GLEBE SOCIETY

BOX 100 GLEBE 2037

July 23, 1989

Dear Member,

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 23rd August 1989 at 7.30pm in the St John's Church Hall, on the corner of St Johns Road and Derwent Street.

In order to be eligible to vote at this meeting, you must be a financial member of the Society. If you wish to nominate anyone to serve on the Committee, or to propose a Motion to be discussed at the Meeting, please complete and return the form below.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Strickland
President.

GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 1989-90 - NOMINATION

We and
being financial members of the Glebe Society, hereby nominate
. for the position of
. of the Society for the forthcoming year.

Dated: Signed &

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Occupation consent to this nomination.

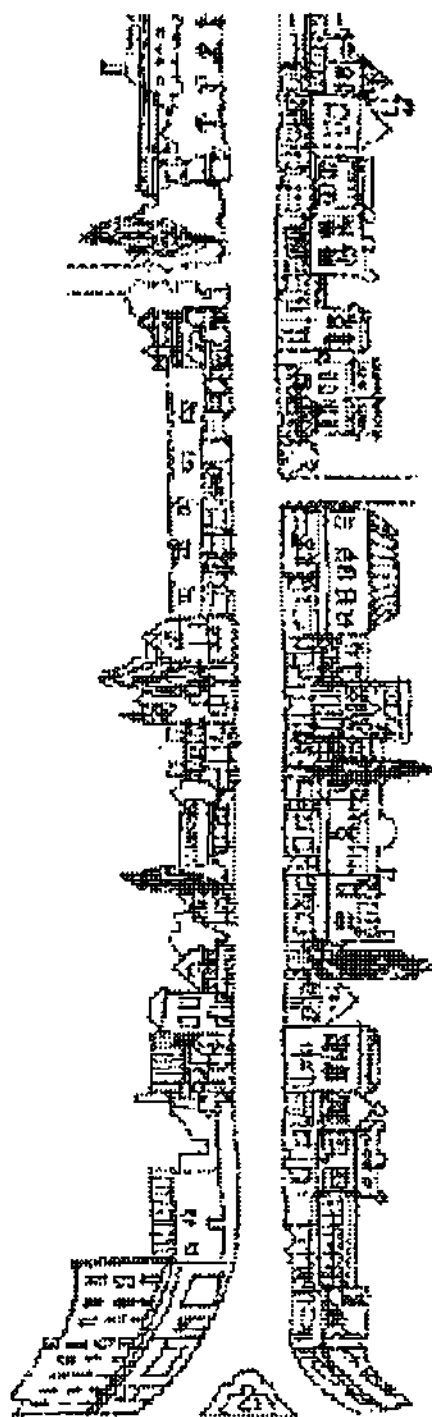
Signed: Date:

MOTION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Moved by: Seconded by:

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO PO BOX 100, GLEBE BY 9th AUGUST 1989.



GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT

P.O. Box 100
GLEBE NSW 2037
Fax: (02) 692 2111

The Glebe Point Road Project

The Minister for Planning, David Hay, congratulated the Glebe Society and the Glebe Street Fair Association for their foresight in initiating the Glebe Point Road Project at the launch of the Glebe Point Road Main Street Program on Tuesday evening, 21 June.

'Its capacity for success lies in the strength of its grass roots support from local government, local communities and businesses', he said.

He suggested the Main Street Program could be a catalyst for communities to revitalise their major trading areas, not only through the physical upgrading of shopping areas but also through active marketing and promotion.

The Department of Planning has employed consultants, Anglin and Associates, to produce a Main Street handbook as a guide to making use of the Program. It is based on five key elements :

1. **Organisation:** bringing together the groups and community representatives that can make changes happen.
2. **Design:** potential public improvements and building maintenance.
3. **Heritage:** capitalising on unique existing historic assets.
4. **Promotion:** targeting the most appropriate markets for the promotion of the town centre and the goods and services it offers.
5. **Economic development:** looking at employment and business opportunities.

Where's the Money Coming From ?

The National Estate Grants Program has awarded a grant for us to conduct a 'Glebe Point Road Main Street Study'. This grant is administered by the NSW Department of Planning and was announced by the Minister of Planning, David Hay, at our launch. The money from the grant will be used to hire architectural consultants to provide a two stage study :

Stage 1: A drawing proposing an improved streetscape for the Glebe Main Street, with an explanation of the concept of the plan and general design philosophy. One thousand copies are to be distributed to shop owners and residents to promote public discussion to direct a final plan.

Stage 2: Involves preparing detailed plans for paint schemes and modifications of sites within specific areas to enhance the overall streetscape. It will also include specific recommendations to the Municipal Council for paving, additional tree plantings, appropriate street furniture, signs and changes to the street lighting.

Copies of the Glebe Main Street Plan will be provided to the NSW Department of Planning, Leichhardt Municipal Council and national deposit libraries.

The Glebe Point Road Project wants to preserve the heritage of this important main street of Glebe while ensuring its viability and service to Glebe residents. To start this program we had a seminar on Tuesday 27 June where about fifty people looked at five areas where improvements of Glebe Point Road could be made:

- buildings and heritage
- traffic and services
- recreation and community organisations (parks, shelters)
- businesses and retailing
- trees, gardens and amenities

Some improvements could be done within the year, some will be part of a five year plan, while others fit into our ten year vision. The process of constructing a plan is only beginning.

Members of the Glebe Point Road Project Committee include :

Ian Jones, Chairman 660 2451
Ken Burgin, Deputy Chairman 692 8251

Bobby Burke
Fiona Campbell
Sara Adey
Peter Strickland
Alan Coker, Leichhardt Mncpl Council
Libby Ozinga, Department of Planning

An Outsider's View: A Few Words from Bruce Atkinson

Bruce Atkinson is a business consultant who gave an address, *Good Design is Good Business*, at the seminar as well as winding up the session.

'This is supposed to be a people place. But a lot of engineering works suggest it's very hostile. There's limited lighting. The pavement is cracked and uneven. It amazes me how buildings can be so dirty. There's a lack of vitality, aliveness.

'The trees are calling for help - absolutely screaming. They're completely choked by bitumen - almost beyond repair. Bituminising right up to the tree and then complaining it breaks the bitumen is really not on.

'There are very few places to stop and rest - but aged people and students like to gather on the street.

'The park (behind Grace Bros.) is the most uninviting park I've ever seen in my life ... There'd have to be a flasher to show any interest in that park.

'You could go ahead and provide a lot of parking ... but he suggested that people will walk the street, use the centre and explore ... 'provided you give them a reason to do so'.

'The length of the street adds to the vista ... it would be in strife if it was in one grade. Glebe Point Road lends itself to being walked but it needs a few focal points.

'There's a synergy of uses - particularly in the food "relationship". For example, even though businesses may be competitors, two businesses together will attract more competitors than if they were just by themselves. This is also important to Council to maintain the rate income.

What make Glebe special to residents? to businesses? to visitors?

In winding up, Bruce said there's a need to look at consumer research - and to get local input into the process.

He pointed out that the residents have a vested interest in Glebe Point Road - 'its important they participate because they can retain the essential character and help maintain its viability'. Residents could have advice on landscaping their own places to maintain presentation and their privacy as the residential properties make a tremendous contribution to the road. They can also influence aspects such as tree pruning and choice of trees.

He suggested Council's policies such as on signs, parking and incentives for good development and state government policies will influence future strategies. 'There's a need to identify opportunities for controls and incentives.'

Overall, he stressed that proposals need to be mindful of existing community. Decisions are no good in isolation: people won't own them. 'There's a need to state objectives / needs as this provides certainty to the community. Developers are often prepared to be sympathetic to this provided they understand the needs / reasons for these.

'Glebe succeeds because it is unique. But if change isn't managed, people will vote with their feet.

Thinking of a Paint Job ?

Help co-ordinate the main street. Are your premises in a period building? The Glebe Point Road Project Committee may be able to help with ... free heritage paint scheme advice ... possibly paint discounts ... For more information, contact a committee member.

R e t a i l i n g

Things are moving in the Broadway Precinct:

Can you park when you want to buy your Futon or have coffee at Badde Manors ? These are some of the issues being looked at by the Broadway Precinct Group of Glebe Point Road shopkeepers.

They're keen to give better value, faster service, better displays (and increase their sales!). They've even got Greg Short, the New Headmaster of Glebe Primary School involved in developing Saturday's Glebe markets.

Watch out for more open days like the one recently held by Essential Energies - red carpet and streamers helped attract over 500 people on a Sunday ! For more information about the Broadway group, contact James Burgin on 660 7008.

A Burst of Life from the Fountain

read about the Program's first initiative in the main part of the *Bulletin*.

All the fun of ... the Glebe Street Fair

It's probably not the biggest, but its the best and the Fair is on again this year.

Sheba the elephant will be there, the Parade will be on again and there'll be a whole new Environmental Display in Foley Park ... as well as the stalls, musicians, fire eaters and bands.

For more information or suggestions, contact our organiser, Janet Borg on 558 7627.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

If you have not already done so, please fill in the Membership Form which was included with last month's Bulletin and send it in, with your payment, as soon as possible.

Members who have joined the Society since April 1st this year do not have to pay again until 1990.

TREASURER NEEDED

We need someone to take over the position of Treasurer from Peter Kolbe, who will not be able to continue after the AGM due to other commitments.

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

All Convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee

BICENTENNIAL PARK

John Buckingham - 660 7780

PLANNING

Neil Macindoe - 660 0268

TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT

Ian Jones - 660 2451

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.

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.

MONDAY GROUP

The August meeting of the Group will be at the home of Sue Stainer, 7/411 Glebe Point Road at 12 noon on 21 August. Please bring lunch for one as usual.

Any members of the Glebe Society who would like to come along are most welcome. For more information ring Sally Nelson (660.6138).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 26 July - 6.30pm - Dining Out - La Tavolaccia, 355 Glebe Point Road, BYO

Sunday 6 August - 11am - Happy Hour - 57 Wigram Road (Neil & Jan Macindoe: phone 660 0268).

Wednesday 16 August - 7.30pm Committee Meeting, Lyndhurst, Darghan St.

Monday 21 August - 12 noon - Monday Group - 7/411 Glebe Point Road (Sue Stainer's home).

Wednesday 23 August - 7.30pm - **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, St John's Hall, St John's Road.

Tuesday 29 August - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Rengaya, 22 Glebe Point Road, BYO.

Wednesday 27 September - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Darling Mills, 134 Glebe Point Road, Licensed/BYO (corkage charge).

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