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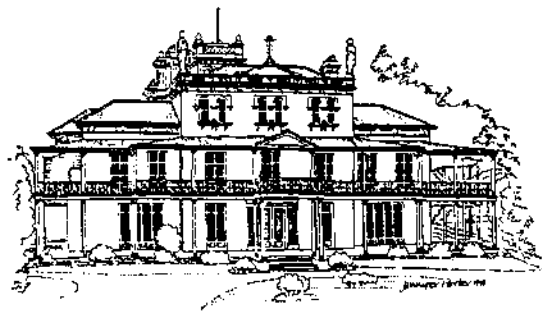
21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.00 PM, SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 1990

36 TOXTETH ROAD, GLEBE

This year's AGM, our first since the Society's incorporation, will be held in conjunction with the October Happy Hour.

All members are urged to attend.



NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE

A nomination form for the Committee to be elected at the AGM is enclosed.

All members of the current Committee are eligible for re-election, and new faces are also always welcome.

LOSS OF LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S PLANNING CONTROLS

Andrew Wood

The State Government has removed the Balmain peninsula from the planning control of Leichhardt Municipal Council and will itself directly administer all developmental applications. There is considerable public concern that the State Government has taken over the powers of the elected Council. There are, of course, also implications for Glebe, where major development proposals, including ones involving foreshore land, are likely to be submitted to Leichhardt Municipal Council in the near future. If you believe that the Council should retain control over all planning matters in our local government area, please sign the enclosed petition and send it immediately to the Town Clerk, Leichhardt Municipal Council, PO BOX 45, Leichhardt, 2040.

NEW DATE FOR HOUSE INSPECTION

The date for the ninth Open Day and House Inspection has been changed to

11 November 1990 (Remembrance Day)

Please make a note in your diaries to keep this day free. If you have not already done so, ring Val Street on 660 4721 to be put on the house minder's list.

Offers of houses continue to flow in at a steady rate. Please let Neil Macindoe know on 660 0208 if you would like to offer a house or know someone who would. The date for the Glebe Fair has now been changed to the following Sunday (18 November).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Members are reminded that, to be eligible to vote at the AGM, they must be financial members of the Society.

A final reminder notice is enclosed with this Bulletin if we have not yet received your 1990/91 subscription. (If you joined after March, you don't have to pay again.)

The Federal Airport Corporation (FAC) has issued its 'Sydney Airport Draft Planning Strategy' prior to the (delayed) release of the EIS for the proposed third runway at Kingsford Smith airport (KSA). The Society has obtained a copy of the planning strategy, which outlines the FAC's view of the future of KSA. The strategy would have a big impact on Sydney if it were implemented.

It assumes that a third runway will be constructed but acknowledges that Badgery's Creek Airport will need to be in place when (1) KSA runs out of capacity in 2010, when 310,000 air movements a year would be occurring on mainly north-south flight paths over the inner western and southern suburbs, and (2) bigger aircraft come into service which will not fit into KSA.

The strategy predicts that the third runway would result in a small gain in access to KSA for country passengers and for general aviation, an increase in passenger numbers to 82,00 per day and 110,000 cars per day, and about 70 flight movements perhour in peak periods. Delay times for aircraft on the ground would increase. Train transport is considered unlikely.

While costs of roads at Badgery's Creek are given (\$500m) but costs of road improvements around KSA are considered to be the responsibility of the NSW Government. These include suburban clearway arrangements, upgrading in various ways and construction of the Volli Creek expressway (on which some 6000 submissions were lodged). What will be the costs of these works?

Construction of Badgery's Creek is considered 'difficult' and construction time likely to be lengthy. But the Department of Construction Services estimates that the airport could be ready for limited international, domestic and general aviation use in about 3 years if fast tracked or 5 to 6 years on regular construction schedules. The third runway would also take about 6 years to complete.

Safety is declared to be an important goal but no mention is made of the fact that KSA is sited amongst potentially very dangerous petro-chemical installations.

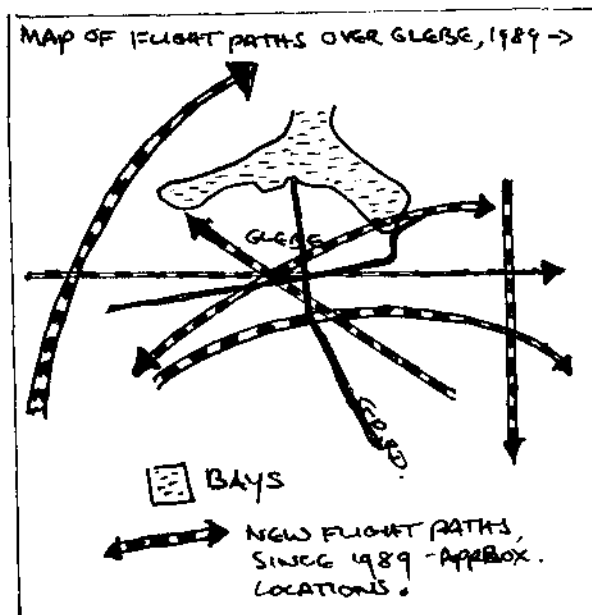
The document reveals costs now reaching \$1.75 billion for the third runway and upgrading of KSA for increased numbers of travellers and aircraft - well beyond the Prime Minister's figure of \$180m and the meter is still ticking. For this price an additional 100,000 flights per year would be achieved.

Limited development of light aviation and basic terminal facilities at Badgery's Creek would cost \$40m and would be capable of taking 37 per cent of present traffic movements at KSA. For \$500m (including the \$40m above) general aviation and domestic jet facilities (8 to 12 gates) and off-site road and services upgrading could be provided in about 5 years from time of approval. Aircraft capability would be equal in numbers to the proposed final phase of developments at KSA: 300,000 aircraft movements a year. Further airport expansion would be possible.

The Glebe Society has told Federal Parliamentarians and the Premier that we want the Government to cost these airport plans. We supported the comments of the Federal member for Sydney, Peter Baldwin, reported in the Sun-Herald of 9 July: 'I think the third runway is a bad idea...from a national interest perspective. We really ought to look at something like this over a 25-year time frame. I think if the calculations on that time frame are done properly then the economics of the case for the third runway dissolve, quite apart from the environmental argument. I think if the thing is evaluated properly the third runway will never be built.'

A public meeting at Burland Hall, Newtown, on 10 September will be followed by another at Sydney University (Merewether Building) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 September 1990, with expert speakers.

Members are reminded that the all hours complaint telephone number regarding aircraft noise is 211 4570. Complaint calls have to be counted. Complaints from around KSA are increasing.



At the Council Meeting on 28 August the Traffic Engineer reported on responses to the Glebe Local Area Traffic Management Study from both the public meetings held in February and individual responses to the consultants' report.

In general little comment was made on proposals for Glebe between Bridge Road and Broadway, and Council plans to implement the recommendations of the consultants' report for this area. However, considerable differences of opinion were evident in the responses to proposals for roads north of Bridge Road, and Council obviously felt it had no clear mandate from residents to proceed with most of these recommendations.

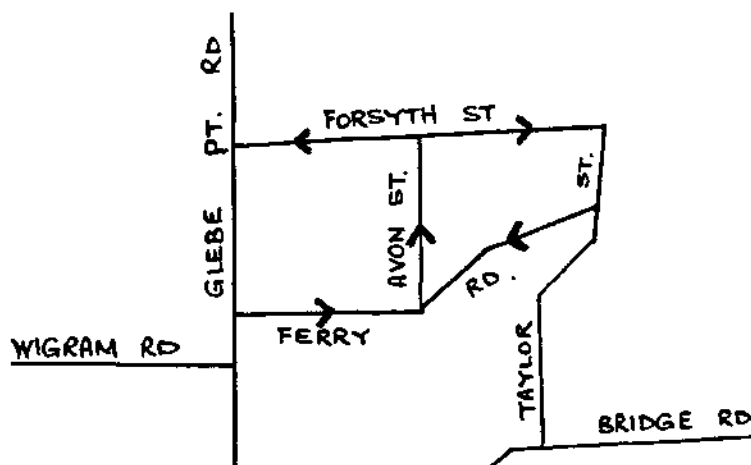
The completion of the City West Link Road is seen as the only real hope for reducing through traffic in the foreseeable future.

Council adopted, at the August 28 meeting the following recommendations that the Traffic Engineer presented.

1. That Council adopt in principle the following recommendations of the traffic consultant;
 - a) right turn bans (Polic Vehicles Excepted) from Bridge Road into Talfourd Street, Gottenham Street and Bellevue Street.
 - b) speed control measures, including humps, in Glebe Street between St Johns Rd and Cowper St.
 - c) carriageway narrowing in Derwent Street and Westmoreland St.
 - d) speed control measures, including a mid block threshold in Mt Vernon St.
 - e) the closure of Catherine St between Seamer St and Mt Vernon St.
2. That designs and estimates of cost for the items listed a) to e) above be prepared for submission to the Traffic Committee.
3. That the partial closures of Bell and Mansfield Sts at Wigram Road not be proceeded with.
4. That the diagonal closure of Taylor St at Ferry Rd not be proceeded with.
5. That Council advertise its intention to implement a one-way system in Ferry Rd and Forsyth St, incorporating Avon St, with

additional speed humps in Ferry Rd between Avon St and Taylor St, and in Forsyth St between Avon St and Glebe Point Road, with the one-way system to be trialled for three months and the speed humps to be installed at the beginning of the trial period if it is deemed successful.

6. That Council give consideration to whether it wishes to proceed with modifications to the traffic arrangements in Minogue Crescent at Wigram Rd (pending approval from the R.T.A.) based on possible long term traffic pattern changes as outlined in this report.
7. That further consideration be given to the routes suitable for a 40km/h speed zone with an estimate of cost for implementation of such a scheme and this matter be the subject of a further report to the Statutory Traffic Committee and Council.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Following a successful public meeting, a Glebe Amnesty International group has been formed. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month and more members are being actively sought.

The September meeting was held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 12 September at the office of Community Aid Abroad, 405-411 Sussex Street. Vivien Clere Langford showed slides of her recent visit to the Amazon and discussed Amnesty action concerning human rights abuses in the area. Plans for fund raising and the forthcoming letterthon were discussed, including ideas for a stall at Glebe Markets.

For further details, contact Sonia Mayers (660 3149) or Jenny Gibson (569 9465).

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

The Annual Reports from each of the Glebe Society sub-committees are being included in the September and October Bulletins, to speed up proceedings at the AGM.

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Fiona Campbell

The activities of this subcommittee have centred on:

• **Minogue Reserve**

This has been written up in past bulletins and the Main Street newsletter. There have been several modifications submitted to those exhibited and discussed at a public meeting on 7 March with council staff and the consultants working on upgrading the reserve. These included incorporating play equipment; having a more open area; taking a less monumental approach and discussion of a road closure to allow the park to front Glebe Point Road and create a more usable shape which, without the constant flow of traffic along it, has the advantage of providing a safer space for children (there was a traffic accident during the public meeting with the pile-up of cars using the narrow road next to the reserve as an exit from Grace Brothers).

These have largely been considered in the final design. Discussion on the possibility of the road closure has been deferred until development of the Grace Brothers site and there is to be provision for a possible road closure in the design.

At the council meeting on 10 April council voted to reduce the potential funding of \$100,000 - which was recommended to also cover costs for the engineering work for new paths and play areas needed on the site - and to request the consultants to prepare a modified design. The latest designs are yet to be resubmitted to council.

• **An Arboricultural Survey of Glebe Point Road Street Trees**

Last May students from Ryde Horticultural College began work on an arboricultural survey of the street trees along Glebe Point Road. This is now being finalised and will be submitted in late September.

The survey will consider removing unsafe specimens, replacing missing specimens and interplanting, incorporating experimental plantings as recommended by the Knox and Tanner in the *Heritage Study* completed recently for the Project.

The students' recommendations will be presented to residents for discussion and then to council with the aim of having a magnificent avenue of healthy trees in the future.

• **Council's Tree Planting and Preservation Committee**

The Society has written to council strongly supporting a plan, also endorsed by the committee, for street tree planting in the Glebe Housing Estate. This has been prepared by Department of Housing Landscape Architects and is an inspiring chance to carry out a major co-ordinated planting for which the Estate provides an ideal precinct.

This committee is open to the public.

• **Position Statement to Main Street Project *Heritage Study***

A position statement on landscaping issues relating to Glebe Point Road was submitted to the consultants preparing the *Heritage Study* and ideas were discussed at length with Paul Knox, of Knox and Tanner, who completed this section of the study.

WENTWORTH PARK SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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Christine Stewart

The last year has been an important one for Wentworth Park. Since Mr Greiner expressed his dismay at the state of the park and asked what we wanted done with it, progress has been good. The grassed areas of the park are now being administered by Sydney City Council with the agreement of Leichhardt Council. The area inside the greyhound racing track is administered by a trust on which a member of Council represents the Sydney City Council.

A firm of landscapers has been appointed to work with Tempe McMahon, landscape architect with South Sydney Council, in drawing up a plan for the landscaping of the park. This firm works in collaboration with a Residents Advisory Committee made up of 9 elected residents (4 from Leichhardt Municipality, 3 from Ultimo/Pymont, one from South Sydney which impinges on the park at the eastern end, & one from the Wentworth Park kindergarten). This committee has already met three times and meets with the landscape consultants on 19 September to discuss preliminary plans for the park.

A public meeting will then be held at a date to be announced so that local residents will have an opportunity to see and discuss the plans. Please come to the public meeting - the date will be announced as soon as possible.

To try to obtain community feedback a schools competition has been held with several prizes for the best ideas for the park. As well residents have been encouraged through the Bulletin of the Society to give their views - the only reply was from a member now resident in the Northern Territory! We can only conclude that residents are happy to leave it to the members of the Residents Committee to present their ideas.

Our basic aim is to restore the park to its former beauty and in particular to remove all possible parking from the grassed areas, as well as to provide all sporting facilities required and facilities such as walking and bicycle paths, seating, bubblers, and lighting. It has just been confirmed that no parking will now be allowed in the park except for that allowed under the lease and for a number of groups already committed for this year. Even then parking will not be permitted if the weather is bad and there is likelihood of damage to the grass.

Neil Macindoe

Jeanette Knox 5

As I am writing this very brief report, the planning functions of Leichhardt Council for the Balmain peninsula are being taken over by the State Department of Planning and the inquiry announced by Planning Minister David Hay is about to begin.

When residents groups were first formed in the 1960s they were trying to preserve the heritage of their area. In many cases that battle has been won. However, their success has contributed to the desirability of the inner city. What we are seeing in Balmain is the result of pressure by developers of defunct industrial sites to gain as much as possible from their investment and the concern of residents at the impact of such large scale development.

Fortunately there are not so many large sites in Glebe all being redeveloped at once. However, parts of Glebe already have major traffic problems and future large redevelopments, such as Harold Park and Meloy's, need to be watched, especially for their cumulative effect. The problems have changed but organisations like the Glebe Society are just as necessary as before to meet the new challenges. There are similar problems of overdevelopment on commercial sites, such as the Abbey restaurant and Glebe Point Road.

Preoccupied with problems of redevelopment, Leichhardt Council has little time for conservation matters. The Heritage Study, completed a year ago, has still not gone on display and in the meantime the Society struggles to preserve Allen Street and the Ferry Road-Glebe Point Road corner.

How the Sub-Committee works :

Every advertised development is reviewed each week, year in, year out. Council papers are scrutinised for matters affecting Glebe. The sub-committee advises residents, runs and supports campaigns, liaises with conservation organisations, gives evidence in the Land and Environment Court, and members sit on various resident and government committees - to list a few functions that spring readily to mind.

This year we said au revoir to Alan Robertson, who moved to East Gippsland to continue his conservation work in a wilderness context. Alan's experience and wisdom are not easy to replace. Neil Macindoe and Peter Strickland, both past presidents, are doing their best but would welcome any assistance or relief you can offer.

The major feature of the year was the presentation to Council of the consultants' Glebe Local Area Traffic Management Study to which the Society had contributed views as part of the consultants' investigations. A response was also made when the final report was completed and public comment sought.

As reported elsewhere in this Bulletin, Council has adopted a number of recommendations from its Traffic Engineer to implement proposals in the report, principally in the Glebe Estate area. Resident support for and opposition to proposals for the northern part of Glebe was so evenly balanced that little change is now proposed in this area apart from the trial of a rather convoluted system of one-way streets to discourage through traffic use of Ferry and Forsyth Streets.

While the Glebe Society's comments received notice, it was disappointing that suggestions about peripheral area parking and improved public transport facilities were not acknowledged at all.

Other activities during the year included discussions with the traffic sub-committee of the Glebe Point Road Project, and letters (to date unacknowledged) to the Minister and Road Transport Authority about the height of the planned Glebe Island Bridge.

29 COOK STREET BOAT REPAIR SHOP & MARINA
Marianne von Knobelsdorff

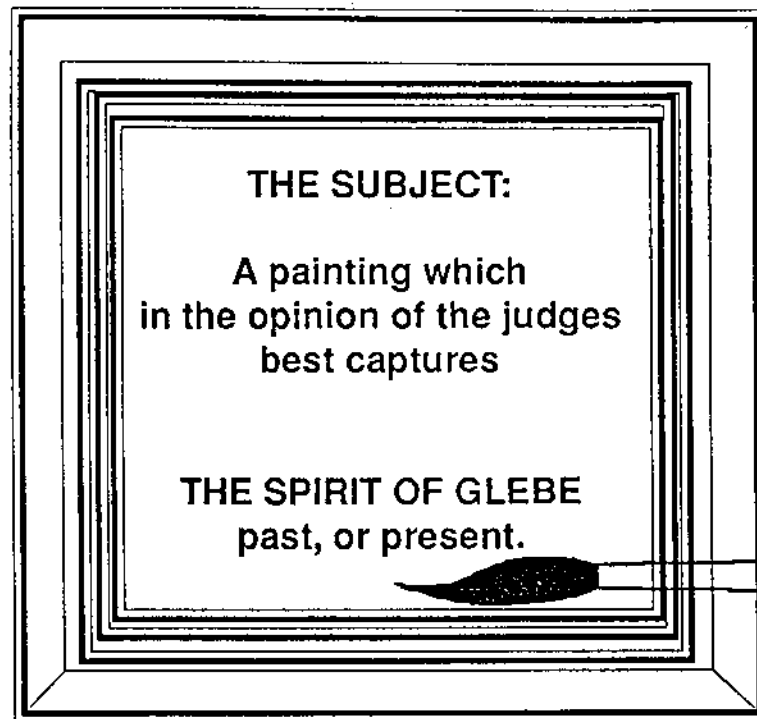
The Society collected a petition to the Minister of Transport, Bruce Baird, asking him to hold a full public enquiry into the proposed marina development at 29 Cook Street and to conduct an Environmental Impact Study.

We wish to thank everybody who helped collect the 442 signatures.

On 4 September, 1990, a small delegation consisting of the President of The Society, Andrew Wood, the Vice President, Marianne von Knobelsdorff, and the Captain of the Glebe Rowing Club, Mrs Robyn MacKney, had an appointment to see the Minister in Parliament House.

The delegation expressed the concern of the residents and the Glebe Rowing Club and handed the petition over to the Minister.

The Glebe Point Road Project 1990 Art Prize



THE PRIZE

**A HOLIDAY PACKAGE FROM TRAVELAND, TO THE VALUE OF \$2200,
UTILISING EITHER QANTAS OR ANSETT AIRLINES**

Further details on entry forms
available from the following Glebe businesses:

Ahah Dodo
Cafe Troppo
Darling Mills
Gallery 77
Haven Inn Motel
Sugar Reef Cafe

Entries close on 19 October.

**Paintings will be exhibited and offered for sale at
GALLERY 77, 77 Glebe Point Road
from 30 October to 11 November 1990**

ALL AGES – ALL VIEWS OF GLEBE – WELCOME!

Sponsored by: TRAVELAND, GALLERY 77, DARLING MILLS and AHAH DODO of Glebe

PARKING METERS

Leichhardt Council is currently calling for submissions on a proposal to instal parking meters at shopping centres within the Municipality.

The intention of the proposal is to increase vehicle turnover in time-restricted parking zones at shopping centres - and in addition raise revenue for provision of off-street parking facilities.

The locations being considered include two in Glebe

- Glebe Point Road (both sides) between Parramatta Road and Hereford Street. This would involve about 200 meters
- Bay Street (west side) between Parramatta Road and Greek Street - about 10 meters

Meters are not proposed for residential street frontages.

Charges at the rate of \$1 per hour have been mooted, but not determined.

Council is inviting written submissions, up to 1 October.

Several questions arise from the proposal

- 1) should there be parking meters in Glebe Point Road?
- 2) if metered parking is seen as a Good Thing, do we want the standard variety? Glebe is a conservation area, and preservation of the streetscape of Glebe Point Road would not be enhanced by meters. Should Council be looking at alternative styles or locations of meters, e.g. against shop walls rather than on the kerbside? or can some other means of charging for street parking be devised, e.g. ticket dispensers with a time record to be displayed on the dashboard?
- 3) are more meters needed in Bay Street?
- 4) what might be the effects of installing or extending metered parking on adjacent streets that are not metered?

Jeanette Knox would be pleased to receive views, comments, ideas. Phone 660 7781 (evenings) or drop a note c/- PO Box 100, Glebe. By 23 September.

MONDAY GROUP

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As the Bulletin goes to press no place has been settled on for the October meeting of the Monday Group. But this will have been decided at the meeting at the Rocks on 17 September. For details please phone Sally Nelson on 660 6138 or Katharine Buck on 660 2879.

Any member of the Glebe Society is welcome at the Monday Group which aims to promote neighbourly friendship in our community. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, except December and January.

DINING OUT

We are dining out this month at Cafe Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road. Please ring Jeanette Knox on 660 7781 by 23 September to book.

HAPPY HOUR

Merle Larcombe will be our hospitable Happy Hour host this month at her house, 14 Toxteth Road, from 11am to 1pm on Sunday 23 September (phone 660 0491).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A PAINTING OF ANY PARTICULAR PROPERTY IN GLEBE -

MAYBE YOUR OWN?

OR ANY PARTICULAR VIEW OR VISTA?

In the information given to entrants in the Art Competition, we are including a list of properties they might consider painting which may result in a sale. No names will be given, of course, and no obligation will be incurred.

We are doing this with a view to increasing entries, visitors to the Gallery to look at the results, and sales. Artists will receive 2/3 of the sale price of all works, with Gallery 77 and the Glebe Point Road Project sharing the remainder.

If you'd like to add to this list, call Bobbie Burke, 692.0343 (h), or 289.8925 (w).

WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST BULLETIN?

Members who have not renewed their subscription for 1990/91 by 30 September will not be sent the next Bulletin. Be warned!

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Management Committee Patricia Jackson was elected to fill a casual vacancy in the committee.

WANTED: Donations of envelopes of any size for posting information are urgently needed by the Second Sydney Airport Coalition (SSAC) to continue the 'No Third Runway - Build Badgery's' campaign. Please deliver to 397 Glebe Point Road or send/deliver to 291 Parramatta Road, Glebe.

TO LET

Undercover car space to let in Leichhardt Street, GLEBE, \$15.00 p.week. Phone Marianne (H) 692 0916 or (W) 290 2577.

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

Ian Jones - 660 2451
Bobbie Burke
Peter Strickland

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

All Convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee

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John Buckingham - 660 7780

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Alison McKeown - 660 3917

ENVIRONMENT

Fiona Campbell - 821 6269 (W)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Contact a Committee Member

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19 September - 7.30pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Sunday 23 September - 11am - Happy Hour - 14 Toxteth Road (Merle Larcombe's house)

Tuesday 25 September - 7pm - Dining Out - Cafe Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road

Monday 15 October - 12 noon - Monday Group (venue to be decided)

Wednesday 17 October - 7.30pm - Committee Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Sunday 21 October - 11am - Happy Hour - 36 Toxteth Road (Christine & Russell Stewart's house)

12 noon - Annual General Meeting - 36 Toxteth Road



THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Ordinary \$20, Additional Household \$4 each, Student/Pensioner \$7, Institutional \$25.

Write to P.O.Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610 for information.