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21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.00 PM, SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 1990

36 TOXTETH ROAD, GLEBE



1990 GLEBE OPEN DAY & HOUSE INSPECTION

The 1990 House Inspection will be held on Sunday 11 November (Remembrance Day) from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm. But two of the most interesting buildings, Toxteth House and St Scholastica's chapel will only be open for the morning session. If you have not seen these previously or would like to see them again, make sure you do so before lunch. Teas will be available at the newly renovated Arts & Crafts cottage, Wych Wood, adjacent to Toxteth House and the grounds will be open all day.

The theme for 1990 is continuity and change on the Toxteth Estate, the last of the Glebe estates to be developed and the most spectacular. The tour is more compact than in previous years to allow the buildings to be inspected easily in a single session. It begins at Linden, 56 Wigram Road, (those coming by car should park in Bell Street) and winds through many of the prettiest streets on the estate to Toxteth Lodge, the gothic stone gatehouse for Toxteth Park House. It then continues through the estate to Glebe Point Road where the newly renovated Bidura will be open (ground floor only) - the only house outside the estate to be included. After proceeding to one of the famous 'Doctors' Houses' (open for the first time ever) the tour terminates at Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital. This is the only part of the tour not yet finalised, as the Sydney Area Health Board has not yet formally agreed to open the hospital and grounds for a sausage sizzle luncheon and band concert.

With this bulletin you will receive some leaflets advertising the house inspection. Make good use of them as they were printed (on recycled paper) with your subscriptions. Things you can do:

- * give them to friends who are not Glebe Society members
- * show them to local shopkeepers and persuade them to stick them in their windows
- * show them to people at work who may be interested
- * pin them on public notice boards where they are likely to be seen by many people.

More leaflets are available from Neil Macindoe.

As in previous years, a lot of members will be asked to contribute three hours on 11 November to mind a building. This is a vitally important job, as you not only protect the heritage buildings and preserve the fine reputation of the Society but have the chance to meet and chat with a huge range of people visiting Glebe. Please make a special effort to contribute to the success of the Open Day in this way. All minders receive one free ticket. If you want to volunteer before you are asked, ring Neil Macindoe 660 0208 or Sue Littleton 660 5610.

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

REPORT FROM THE GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT

The objective of the Project is "To conserve the heritage, and improve the streetscape, the residential and commercial amenity of Glebe Point Road". Its major activities during 1989 included:

URBAN DESIGN STUDY of Glebe Point Road. A 70 page report produced by Anglin and Associates in conjunction with Knox and Tanner, provided an extensive list of recommendations for improvement of the Road, and a valuable resource tool for future activities of the Project Committee. This was funded by \$6000 from the Department of Planning National Estate Grants Program, and fund-raising activities of the Project.

THE JUBILEE FOUNTAIN-We engaged the services of architect Craig Burton to undertake a study of the Fountain and its surrounds. His first stage report has been received (and options published earlier in the Bulletin). We hope soon to present a report to Leichhardt Council's Traffic Committee to get approval for the chosen option.

INAUGURAL ART COMPETITION sponsored by Traveland and judged by Profesor Bernard Smith. This was won by Christine Stewart of Glebe, and plans are in train to have her winning painting hung in the Glebe Municipal Library.

SUBMISSION ON MINOGUE RESERVE at the corner of Glebe Point Road and Francis Street. The architect employed by Council agreed to modify his designs to incorporate some of the ideas offered by the Project group in their carefully prepared plans and recommendations; Council voted recently to proceed with plans on Minogue.

PEOPLE IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT - . This project of The University of Sydney Architecture Faculty involved third year students in studies of and proposals for Glebe Point Road, which were presented at a public seminar attended by residents, Glebe Society representatives, the Department of Planning and town planning representatives of Council. Further involvement of the Project and the students of architecture is planned.

ARBORICULTURAL SURVEY OF POPLARS on Glebe Point Road. Following recommendations of the Anglin Urban Design Study, landscape design students from the Ryde Horticultural College undertook a detailed survey of the poplars - their report is expected in mid October.

During the year the Project produced four newsletters, organised public meetings, and social gatherings, and is co-operating with the Glebe Chamber of Commerce in their 'Don't Rubbish Glebe' campaign.

Leichhardt Council has two representative on the Management Committee of the Project, and we have made valuable contacts with Council engineering and town planning staff. The Project became an incorporated association in December, 1989. This year we have made two applications for grants under the N.S.W Heritage Assistance Program, one for funds to conduct a Heritage Study of Glebe Point Road, the second to enable us to commission the architect to prepare design drawings for the work we hope to have done at the Jubilee Fountain. Planning and promotion has begun on the second Art Competition to be held in November.

While there may not be much material progress evident in this first year, there is much in train, and we are not unsatisfied with our work to date.

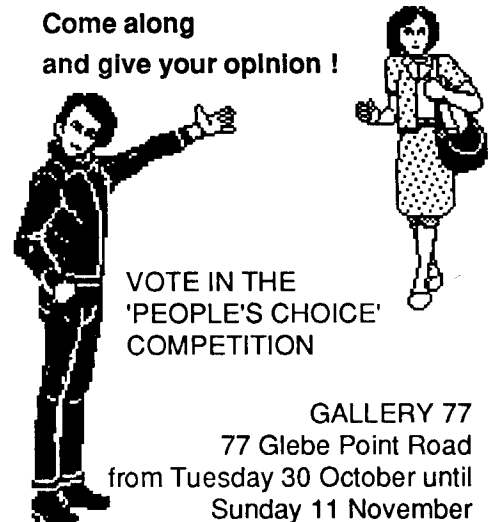
The Project recently received a donation of \$100 from the Glebe Society, and is appreciative of their support and encouragement.

IAN JONES, CONVENOR.

THE GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT 1990 ART COMPETITION

THE SPIRIT OF GLEBE
past or present

Come along
and give your opinion !



VOTE IN THE
'PEOPLE'S CHOICE'
COMPETITION

GALLERY 77
77 Glebe Point Road
from Tuesday 30 October until
Sunday 11 November

**REPORT FROM
THE KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT SUB-COMMITTEE**

Using the resources of the Second Sydney Airport Coalition (SSAC), Kinhill Community Access Centre, government documents and the press, we have helped to keep members informed about the third runway proposal. We have conducted street stalls, had meetings and attended ACT and other meetings, and distributed information leaflets around Glebe. We have written letters.

We noted the trial curfew period is now operating time. The Boral fire highlighted hazards close to the airport - Glebe windows rattled! 'Arriving aircraft effectively can pass over almost any area in Sydney' (noise abatement procedures 5/89). The 'Sydney Airport Draft Strategy Plan' of August 1990 establishes KSA expansion costs at \$1.75 billion and the need for Badgery's Creek airport, ready to operate, in twenty years' time.

Environmental Impact Statement: The proposed third runway would bring 51,000 landings p.a. over Glebe/Annandale; 139 planes per 17 hour day, one plane every 6-7 minutes. There is the cumulative effect of the current north-south runway also to be taken into account. The document points out that take-offs to the north would greatly increase airport capacity and claims there would be no great increase in noise created by such operations. The third runway is now billed as landings only from the north. The Kinhill working document, 21 September, states there is twice the risk of aircraft accident north of the airport.

Glebe is roughly in the 20-25 ANEF noise contour. The working document places the mean depreciation of properties in such contours at approximately 10 per cent. Properties in 25-30 ANEF fall by 14 per cent and properties in 30+ ANEF fall by 18 per cent. There are serious social repercussions.

We remind members there has been no cost-benefit study of KSA, which is a national issue considering Sydney's major role in aviation. Australia has not yet had experience in large airport operation; there are signs of care in working major airports overseas. KSA has considerable latent capacity without spending vast amounts of money in effective traffic management - 40 per cent gains are possible.

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May we continue to urge you to write your concerns to Canberra. Federal politicians must receive input and comment from us. We further urge you to respond in writing to the EIS and the Glebe Street Fair should provide you with one such opportunity. We hope to have a stall on the day.

Alison McKeown, Convenor

PROPOSAL TO RESTORE WARDS

The Glebe Society's management committee discussed the proposal to restore the ward system for elections to the Leichhardt Municipal Council on 19 September and resolved to support such a system. We wrote to the Council expressing support for a ward system, provided that the wards be approximately equal in population so that votes are of approximately equal value and that there be no fewer than three elected persons per ward, so that minority representation is guaranteed. If these two conditions are met we are not greatly concerned about the number of wards.

We noted that the present system was introduced without the consent of residents as the only means of securing the re-election of the then mayor. Whatever the supposed political advantages of the present system may be, it has resulted in a greater degree of factionalism on Council than has previously existed. It has also resulted in the under-representation of the Glebe area despite its strong organisations and community spirit, and encouraged opportunists from areas without these characteristics. Under the present system, by-elections cost as much as full elections. In short, this system has proved unsuitable for this Municipality.

MAJOR NEW GRANT AND A BETTER PARK

The Glebe Point Road Project has received a further matching grant from the NSW Heritage Conservation Fund. This will mean completion of a much more adequate study of the heritage buildings in Glebe Point Road without which further progress on this year's important project cannot be made.

And Leichhardt Council has allocated \$100,000 for a greatly improved Minogue Reserve, a vital space on Glebe Point Road.

GLEBE FESTIVAL WEEK AND FAIR

10 - 18 NOVEMBER

All over Glebe groups of people are working to produce the annual Glebe Street Fair and this year for the first time a Glebe Festival Week.

Last year over 50,000 people converged on Glebe Point Road, closed to traffic for the day, to enjoy continuous entertainment by musicians, artists and performers, as well as some amazing shopping - all made possible by the many sponsors and local contributors.

Most local shops will be open for the day and cafes and restaurants will take to the street with outdoor tables and chairs. Glebe Public School will become a great market and there will be many wonderful Christmas bargains there and at the stalls along the street.

Foley Park will become the venue for a week long carnival with lots of fun rides for the kids.

Glebe Festival Week will be a celebration of the cultural talent of Glebe, its artists, writers, film and video makers. Activities during the week include a writers 'Read-a-thon', an art show along the street and outdoor cinema shows at the School. And at the start of the week the Society's ninth 'Inspection of Historic Glebe' provides an opportunity to see some of the best of Glebe's architectural heritage. Don't miss the fun!

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Andrew Wood

After our meeting on 4 September 1990, the Minister for Transport, Bruce Baird, asked the Maritime Services Board (MSB) to arrange an appointment to see the Society. On Thursday 20 September the Society's president (Andrew Wood) and vice-president (Marianne von Knobelsdorff) and the captain of the Glebe Rowing Club (Robyn MacKney) met Max Moore-Wilton, the chief executive, and other senior executives of the MSB. For an hour we discussed fully the impact of the proposed Cook Street development, not only on the local residents but also on the recreational and commercial uses of Blackwattle Bay. The MSB had been unaware of many of the concerns of the Society and the Rowing Club about the proposed development. Mr Moore-Wilton agreed to keep the Society informed of progress in the MSB's assessment of the development application.

PARKING METERS

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In response to the Council's call for comments on a proposal to instal parking meters in a number of streets within Leichhardt Municipality, and after seeking comment from members, the Society wrote on 28 September to the Council's traffic engineer.

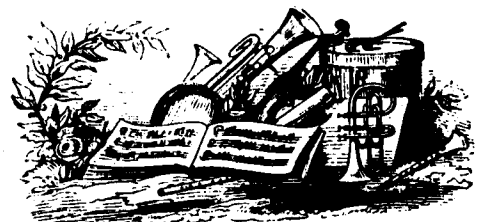
We indicated that we oppose the suggested installation of meters in Glebe Point Road between Parramatta Road and Hereford Street because:

* Glebe Point Road is the main thoroughfare of the suburb and as such is an essential part of Glebe as a conservation area; we strongly believe that parking meters would detract from the heritage and conservation value of the suburb; and

* the introduction of meters would encourage increased parking in non-metered streets adjacent to Glebe Point Road and in Glebe Point Road itself north of Wigram Road to the detriment of those streets which are principally residential and already suffer from the overflowing parking from Glebe Point Road.

We indicated that the Society recognises the problem of long term parking in Glebe Point Road and would support moves to limit parking by enforcement of time restrictions on parking rather than by imposition of a financial disincentive. We suggested that the parking restrictions and limitations already in force should be more actively policed, for example, by Council inspectors. The Society urged Council to explore the possibility of establishing a revenue sharing arrangement with the Police Department. The Society would be glad to support an approach to the Minister.

The Society would support the use of revenue received from the enforcement of time restrictions on parking for both the provision of appropriate off street parking and for the maintenance and improvement of Glebe Point Road itself.



At its 19 September meeting the management committee resolved to make a submission to the public inquiry being made by the State Government in to the Leichhardt Council.

The Society's submission made the following points:

* The Society is unaware of any request from any resident organisation or any other reputable body for an inquiry into Leichhardt Council. It is completely improper and undemocratic for the State Government to intervene in or conduct an inquiry into a duly elected local government body without strong justification. The whingeing of wealthy developers is not strong justification.

* Shortly before the inquiry was announced, the GIO remitted about one third of Leichhardt Council's insurance premium because of Council's successful efforts to reduce claims. This does not suggest poor administration or inefficiency.

* The Society believes that for the last twelve months, while Ald Izzy Wyner has been Mayor, the system called Open Council has operated effectively, and all parties have been treated fairly.

* There has been degree of factionalism on Council at times when the disruptive behaviour of a few aldermen has prolonged meetings. The Society attributes this to the abolition of wards at the last local government election, which reduced the responsibility of aldermen to the electors. The Society suggests that the Inquiry recommend a ward system for the Municipality. An election conducted under a fair and equitable ward system would soon weed out the disruptive element and make it easier for Council to plan and make decisions.

* Much of Leichhardt Municipality, including the Glebe area, was heavily built up long before the advent of the motor car. The impact of new development, especially on large moribund industrial sites, needs to be very carefully considered. The Government itself accepted this in the setting up of the Section 22 committee to deal with planning for such areas as White Bay and Harold Park. The Society has been representing the residents of Leichhardt Municipality on this committee since its inception, and believes an overall strategy for the various parts of the municipality, such as the Balmain Peninsula, is just as appropriate as it is for the areas covered

by the Section 22 committee. The efforts of Council to ensure orderly development in Balmain deserve praise rather than criticism. The Society would expect that any large development in the Glebe area would be subject to a similar scrutiny.

We indicated that the Society wishes to appear before the Inquiry to give its submission.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

MONDAY GROUP

This month's meeting of the Monday Group will be held at Katherine Buck's home, 9 Alexandra Road, Glebe Point, at noon on 15 October. Bring lunch for one.

The last meeting for the year will be the Group's Christmas party and will be held at Sally Nelson's place, 1 Allen Street, at noon on 19 November. Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$10 per head.

DINING OUT

We are dining out this month at Rose Blues, 23 Glebe Point Road, on Wednesday 31 October. This will be the last dining out for the year and we thought we would make a return visit to Rose Blues since we all enjoyed eating there in May. Please ring Jeanette Knox on 660 7781 by 28 October to book.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15 October - 12 noon - Monday Group
- 9 Alexandra Road (Katherine Buck's house)

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

Wednesday 31 October - 7pm - Dining Out -
Rose Blues, 23 Glebe Point Road

Friday 2 November - 6pm - Opening of Glebe
Point Road Project Art Competition -
Gallery 77, 77 Glebe Point Road

Sunday 11 November - 10am - 9th Glebe Open
Day & House Inspection

Sunday 18 November - 10am - Glebe Street
Fair

Monday 19 November - 12 noon - Monday Group
Christmas party - 1 Allen Street (Sally
Nelson's house)

Wednesday 21 November - 7.30pm - Committee
Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Sunday 2 December - Glebe Society Christmas
Party (venue to be notified)

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