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1990 GLEBE OPEN DAY & HOUSE INSPECTION

The ninth Glebe Open Day takes place on Sunday 11 November from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm. The response to requests for house minders has been very gratifying, as has the offer of houses.

Houses open for the first time include 56 Wigram Road, 186 Glebe Point Road, 216 Glebe Point Road St Scholastica's Chapel and 4 Avenue Road. Those open on previous occasions but recently renovated include 14 Avenue Road and 357 Glebe Point Road. A number of spectacular old favourites have also been included, notably Toxteth Lodge, Toxteth House and the two fine buildings of the NSW College of Nursing in Hereford Street. There will be a choice of teas and luncheons. Please come and bring your friends.

Glebe groups voice concern on marina bid

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by TERRI COWLEY

GLEBE residents have voiced their concerns over plans to build a marina at Blackwattle Bay at a meeting with executives of the Maritime Services Board.

Representatives from the Glebe Society and Glebe Rowing Club met with Maritime Services Board chief executive Max Moore-Wilton late last month to discuss the impact of the proposed development in Cook St.

Glebe Society president Andrew Wood said the MSB had been unaware of many of the concerns in the community.

Mr Moore-Wilton agreed to keep residents informed of progress in the MSB's assessment of the development application.

An appeal to the Land and Environment court had resulted in developers building a boat repair shop but the development of an eight-berth marina was still to be decided.

Mr Wood said although residents were pleased the size of the marina had been scaled down, eight berths would still interfere with rowing activities.

Residents were also concerned about the repair shop being located in a residential area.

A spokesman for the MSB said the development of the Bay was part of the "mooring strategy" for Sydney Harbor that proposed the use of both Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays for recreational boating. He said the development would be considered by the MSB's Foreshore Planning Committee in November for a recommendation and the MSB would make a decision before the end of the year.

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29 COOK STREET BOAT REPAIR SHOP & MARINA

The developer has submitted a revised plan for an 8-berth marina to the Maritime Services Board. The marina development will be considered by the Board's Foreshores Committee of Advice on Friday 23 November 1990. It is essential that the Committee advises the Board not to proceed with the granting of permission for the marina to be constructed. Leichhardt Municipal Council's representative on the committee is Alderman Bob Heffernan. Please telephone him (367 9222 - work; 810 3804 - home) to tell him of your concerns about the marina and to ask him to vote against the proposed development at the meeting of the Foreshores Committee of Advice.

The marina should be opposed on the following major grounds:

- * noise to surrounding residents as boats are repaired on the marina
- * obstruction of the Glebe Rowing Club's rowing course by the marina itself and by boats entering and leaving it
- * interference with commercial shipping in Black Wattle Bay.

The value of the Society's social events must again be stressed. At each occasion members were able to meet and to discuss with each other and with members of the Management Committee current issues in Glebe. Thanks must go to Sally Nelson for the "Monday Group", Jeanette Knox for the "Dinning Out" evenings in Glebe restaurants and to each of the members who opened their house for the monthly "Happy Hour".

The Society's Bulletin continues as the major source of information for members about current events in Glebe. It also stimulates letters and phone calls to the Committee which provide feed-back and assist in the formation of Society policy. Special thanks go to Jeremy Long and Edwina Doe who have done wonderful work in editing and preparing the Bulletin for printing and posting.

The Society strongly supports the Glebe Point Road Project both with expert advice through its representatives and financially. The linking of the interests of business and residents to improve the amenities of a street must almost be unique in Australia - the work of the Society's representatives Ian Jones, Bobbie Burke and Peter Strickland is greatly appreciated.

The Vice President, Marianne Von Knobelsdorff, has worked tirelessly for the Society throughout this year. Her special interest in the proposed Cook Street marina has involved meetings with local and State Government officials as well as an appearance as a witness for the Society in the Land and Environment Court. The expertise that Marianne has developed and the contacts she has established with residents, industry and Government have proved invaluable to the Society.

The task of the convenor of the Planning Sub-Committee continues to be difficult and onerous and the Society is indebted to Neil Macindoe for all the work he has done over the year. I would like to acknowledge the marvellous work performed by the Secretary, Cynthia Jones, who has carried on with her position despite undergoing some major orthopaedic surgery, by the treasurer Ann Disher who has kept a close watch on the Society's outgoings and by Sue Littleton the new members representative. Pat Jackson has recently joined the Committee and she is presently undertaking the task of getting a window sticker made which will feature our new logo.

In conclusion may I give my personal thanks to all members and office bearers of the Society who have provided me with so much assistance and have made my year as President so enjoyable.

PLANNING REPORT

Members may recall a long-running issue concerning applications to build an additional storey on a house, No 28, in Allen Street, which consists almost entirely of single storey dwellings. The developer made a further application which came before Council on 16 October and was disapproved. Two aldermen who would probably have supported the application were absent. Council is finely balanced and in this situation the role of the Society assumes critical importance.

Sydney University has not responded positively to suggestions that the new college planned for Forest Lodge be redesigned or located elsewhere. The Society is continuing to write to the University and the Minister for Planning in the hope that a solution may be found that does not require the demolition of existing buildings.

The Heritage Study for Leichhardt Municipality has been completed and the sub-committee has a copy. It is not on display in the branch library and the sub-committee will request that this be done.

The Department of Housing has submitted an application for the demolition of Kelly's stables in Catherine Street, the renovation of Kelly's house and the erection of 13 units for the aged. As the stables are listed by the National Trust, the sub-committee is seeking for solutions whereby they could be retained and would welcome suggestions.

Plans for the redevelopment of Ultimo/Pymont have been on display in the Harris Centre in Ultimo. Both schemes require light rail to be successful. The sub-committee is studying both schemes with great interest, because of their impact on Glebe. Don't hold your breath. Both are proposed to be implemented over a twenty year period.

A posted balcony has been built at Rose Blues Restaurant in Glebe Point Road, which has a facade reconstructed from the stone foundations of the original post-Regency shop.



Report from the President, Andrew Wood.

Presented at the Society's 21st Annual General Meeting, 21st October 1990.

I would like to welcome you all to the Society's Annual General Meeting and to express the appreciation of the Society to Chris and Russell Stewart for making their home available for the meeting.

I am pleased to present to you this report of the activities of the Society in its 21st year. It was marvellous that the first President and one of the founders of the Society, Bernard Smith, was able to return to Glebe at the end of last year. Bernard attended the launching of the reprinting of his and Kate Smith's book on the "Architectural Character of Glebe". Bernard also judged the Glebe Point Road Project's Art Competition for a painting of an aspect of Glebe Point Road. The competition was won by Chris Stewart. Both of these events highlighted the importance of Glebe as a conservation area. The value of the work of the Society was clearly demonstrated at the book launch when Bernard spoke from the front garden of Lyndhurst - a site which would have been in the middle of a freeway if the Glebe Society had not acted to save this beautiful house and the other houses in the adjacent streets.

Our 21st year also marked the year of our incorporation. The Society's certificate of incorporation was issued on 26th June 1990 and this is the first Annual General Meeting to be held under the Society's new set of Rules. I must again thank Ted McKeown for all his specialist legal work and the members of the Management Committee who spent so much time ensuring that our new Statement of Objects and Rules will serve the Society well in the future.

The major social event in our 21st year was our birthday party on Sunday 22nd July at the Darling Mills Restaurant. It included an address from Peter Watts, Director of the Historic Houses Trust and a birthday cake, kindly donated by Ann Disher. The party was preceded by a concert at St John's Church. When I arrived at St John's half an hour before the start of the concert, people were already waiting outside and over 200 attended. The concert was well advertised by leaflets placed in letter boxes by Alison McKeown and members of her sub-committee and also by articles in the Glebe and Western Weekly (the assistance that Marilyn Vale, Editor of the newspaper, and her staff of reporters have provided for the Society has been greatly appreciated). I must again thank Hugh Scott for letting the Society make use of the Church and Dr David McIntosh, the choir of St

Scholastica's, the Cafe at the Gate of Salvation and the Rock Band from Glebe High School for showing what talented musicians we have in Glebe.

On the morning of Sunday 18th February the Management Committee and the Convenors of the Sub-Committees had drinks at my house with Issy Wyner, the Mayor, Tony Woodward, the Town Clerk and Alan Coker, the Town Planner - all from Leichhardt Municipal Council. The occasion not only provided an opportunity for all those involved in the management of the Society to meet each other, but also gave them the chance to talk directly to the recipients of much of the Society's correspondence.

Over the year the Management Committee has very much appreciated the concern that the Mayor has shown for the residents of Glebe and specially his efforts to ensure that Glebe is recognised as a conservation area. Leichhardt Council's decisions about a house in Allen Street and a marina in Cook Street were challenged in the Land and Environment Court (the first case was won by the council, the second was lost). Thanks must go to the members of the Society who appeared as witnesses in the Court and underwent the stressful experience of cross-examination by the litigant's barrister.

I can also report that the Society's name continues to be well respected by those at all levels of Government, by Government instrumentalities and perhaps by some developers! I believe that this is due to the enormous amount of work that goes into the Society's submissions, letters, petitions and appearances at meetings. I would specially like to mention the work of Peter Strickland who is representing the Society on the State Government's Committee which is preparing a planning strategy for Ultimo-Pyrmont, Glebe Island, White Bay, Central Railway and Everleigh and also the work of Chris Stewart representing the Society on the City Council's Wentworth Park Advisory Committee.

Much of the correspondence received by the Society relates to questions about the history of the suburb and its former residents. I would like to thank Max Solling for answering these letters for the Society - his knowledge of the history of Glebe is outstanding.

The Society's records are held at various locations and have not been properly collated. Clive Smith has generously agreed to become the Society's archivist and one of the tasks for the new Committee will be to find a suitable place to hold the Society's records.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE SECRETARY?

The Society is looking for a new Secretary. If you are able to help, please contact Andrew Wood.

Thank you Cynthia for all your hard work during the past year.

GLEBE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Glebe Neighbourhood Centre has called a meeting to discuss the failure of Leichhardt Municipal Council to provide funding for the Centre. All members of the Society are invited to attend the meeting at the Glebe Town Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 14 November 1990

FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 14 November - 7pm - Glebe Neighbourhood Centre meeting - Glebe Town Hall

Saturday 17 November - 7.30pm - Glebe Music Festival - Gala Music Soiree - Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street

Sunday 18 November
- 10am - Glebe Street Fair
- 2pm - Recital at St John's Church

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 - 4pm - Glebe Society Christmas Party - Darling Mills Restaurant, 134 Glebe Point Road

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

Ian Jones - 660 2451

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THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Ordinary \$20, Additional Household \$4 each.
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