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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY 24th MARCH

Watch the newspapers for details of
Community cleanups in and around Glebe.

DIGGERS MEMORIAL

Bill Nelson

The sub-committee has made contact with several bodies thought likely to be interested in the restoration of the war memorial. The NSW branch of the Returned Services League of Australia in particular has been helpful and supportive and has encouraged us in our project. They recently commissioned an assessor 'to conduct an appraisal of restoration work required in the memorial' and gave us the findings of the assessment. Also we have had a response from Leichhardt Council and we still await comment from the Australian War Memorial and from others.

The article in 'The Glebe' on 13 February 1991 aroused interest particularly due to Max Solling's extensive research into the histories of the fallen listed on the memorial. Surviving relatives have been in touch and two have offered donations toward the restoration work. As one niece put it, she was 'keen to see the memorial looked after and not deteriorate'. Max Solling has been able to provide information to these relatives and this has been greatly appreciated.

The photograph reproduced in this Bulletin shows the angel which surmounts the mausoleum as it was prior to the gross damage inflicted in recent times. In the absence of original drawings, we rely upon such photographic records to enable the restoration work to proceed.



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

12.00PM, SUNDAY, 5TH MAY 1991

30 TOXTETH ROAD, GLEBE

AGENDA:

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Election of Neil Macindoe, Convenor of the Planning Sub-committee and former President, as an honorary life member of the Glebe Society Inc. in recognition of the extra ordinary services he has rendered to the Society.
4. Any other business properly brought forward

PLANNING REPORT

28 ALLEN STREET

The most recent application was another attempt to make a second storey, increasing the roof height and pitch. It was disapproved by Council on 12 February, 1991. Our thanks to the National Trust for their continued support in this matter.

LEICHHARDT HERITAGE STUDY

The study is still available and Council is still receiving comment.

ABBAY RESTAURANT SITE

Commissioner Carleton found against the developer in all the proposals for this site. The planning subcommittee has written to the National Trust suggesting alternative uses for the site. Probably the Heritage Council will be holding further discussions with the developer.

CORNER FERRY & GLEBE POINT RDS

Assessor Nott disapproved the development, but did not support the retention of the gardener's cottage or the cobbler's shop. A revised proposal is now before Council, and the Society has objected on heritage and traffic grounds.

BACKPACKERS HOSTELS

The Society has written to Council suggesting a meeting with the new manager following further complaints.

ROZELLE BAY

The Society has written to Council expressing concern that the MSB has not allowed for public waterfront access in its proposed relocation of its Goat Island workshops on the northern shore.

John Buckingham has written to Council concerning the proposed Glebe Point Road Wharf, suggesting the scale be reduced and the boardwalk eliminated.

BELLEVUE/VENETIA

Council approved the proposal for the restoration of Bellevue as a 50 seat restaurant, with associated kiosk and wharf, on 26 February. The way Council meetings are now conducted, there was very little opportunity for discussion. The subcommittee will monitor the development closely in the hope that further negotiation can overcome the potential difficulties. Council will need to enforce the conditions strictly if residents and the Rowing Club are not to be disadvantaged.

SUGAR'S TIMBER YARD

Negotiations between Council and the developer concerning matters such as the impact on Glebe Point Road and on nearby residents are continuing.

ORPHAN SCHOOL CREEK PARK

The Society received Council's assurance this significant and long-delayed open space development is being pursued with the new administration of Children's Hospital.

HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL

The Society has requested Council to include this site as an Item of Environmental Heritage. The subcommittee considers the Hospital and the adjacent vacant land to be a suitable subject for a heritage project.

POSTED VERANDAHS

Members will have noted the reappearance of posted verandahs in Glebe Point Road, now permitted under revised Council regulations. The one already built at Rose Blues Cafe will soon be joined by another next door at 15-21 Glebe Point Road.

CARDIGAN STREET

Most members will be aware of the convict-built sandstone road that leads up the hill to Lyndhurst. It is an Item of Environmental Heritage that is being damaged by vehicles trying to find a route to Bridge Road. One section has been closed by posts for some years. The Department of Housing is constructing a park next to the road that will be handed over to Leichhardt Council when completed. Local residents, led by Society members Christine O'Brien and Tony Partridge have requested Leichhardt Council to close Cardigan Street to the intersection with Darghan Street, thus preserving the sandstone road and enhancing the park. The Society is supporting the residents in this very worthwhile effort.

DEVELOPMENTS IN LIMBO

The proposal for the Hardy's Timber site at the end of Glebe Point Road has been withdrawn. At the opposite, Broadway, end the University Hotel site has been rezoned, but indications are that the development, which the Society considers excessive, will not proceed under the present owner.

Council Tip

Entrance between 50 & 54 Moore Street, Leichhardt.

Open on Saturdays & Sundays

7:45 - 11:30 am
1:00 - 3:45 pm

There is a fee of \$3

It is only a little tip so if you have more than a car boot or small trailer load ring Council's Health office

Larger quantities of refuse may be taken to the Regional Transfer Stations.

KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT

Alison McKeown

The Opera House meeting called by SSAC on 10.2.91 was very well-attended. All age groups gave their clear support to the agenda. The media stayed until the end and extensive coverage was given that day and the following week.

HORSCAN. The House of Representatives Select Committee on Aircraft Noise, Sept. 1990. The following information was distributed prior to the Opera House meeting:

"RESIDENTS, Drummoyne, Leichhardt, Stanmore, Enmore, Marrickville & Sydenham, please read this notice carefully. The 3rd runway means aircraft noise louder than ANEF 25* in your area.

- . HORSCAN, a government report, Sept. 1990 Section 21 & 22 states the Commonwealth Government desires to prohibit "inappropriate land-use in areas surrounding .. airports" (eg dual occupancy, flats units, schools, universities, hospitals & nursing homes) and "will exercise all necessary powers to prevent residential development .. within the 25 ANEF* contour." The states' cooperation is sought to this end.
 - . It is State law that no dual occupancy be allowed in ANEF 25. (SREP 12**)
 - . Section 26 Horscan recommends government discussion of including noise effect information on property transfers.
 - . Already a warning that your land is affected can be made to intending purchasers as part of legal searches.
 - . Section 9 states compensation is not possible.
How does this affect you?
 - . Drastic reductions in your land values
 - . No Compensation
 - . Blatant admission that you will be exposed to aircraft noise levels unacceptable for residential occupation
 - . Uncertainty over the future zoning of your area
- PROTEST FOR AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO OUR AIRPORT NEEDS.

For more information contact:
569-0090 (ah) 519-9546

*ANEF = Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (expected noise levels under flight paths rate 20-40)
**SREP 12 = Sydney Regional Environmental Plan NO. 12 - Dual Occupancy. "

Drummoyne Council began marking 149 certificates late last year for aircraft noise. Crash-risk could be the next item. The draft EIS acknowledges the suburbs were here first (p23-42). We differ from the opinion given by Mr. Peter Snelling, FAC, that the proposed 3rd runway is "the greatest thing since sliced bread".

The Society has written to the Hon. Ros Kelly MP, requesting that she holds a public inquiry. The Minister has not replied to the Drummoyne Municipality Residents Association communication, now three months, or to their fax supporting the resolution from the Opera House meeting 10.2.91.

You can read submissions to the draft EIS at Peter Baldwin's electorate office:
Peter Baldwin, MP,
Level 3, 10 Mallet St.
Camperdown.2050. 550-5877.

Kinhill has 3 months from 3rd Jan to respond to the 1,800 or so submissions, producing the EIS-proper, which is then reviewed by DASETT in a 42 day period.



Garage Sale: Saturday 16.3.91
at Burland Hall, 218 King St.
Newtown. 10am - 2pm, for SSAC.
Please leave any items you care to donate on my front verandah -
397 Glebe Pt. Rd. Thank you.

A video "Proposed Third Runway - a Community Response" is available for members to borrow (VHS).
660-3917.

SSAC meetings will now be held at the Glebe Community Centre (the old fire-station), 113 Mitchell Street, Glebe. The next meeting will be held on 13.3.91 at 7.15pm. Small amounts of help would be much appreciated at this stage of the campaign. Please do come if you can.

The Glebe Consultative Group, formed by Beau Olsen and the Glebe Police Service, are having their first Citizens and Community Award Day. Awards will be presented to people who work behind the scenes for their community. The Glebe Society has been asked to nominate someone for an Award who works hard behind the scenes. The presentations will take place on Saturday 6th April between 9 am - 11 am at Bidura, 357 Glebe Point Road. (opp. Toxteth Road.)

WENTWORTH PARK

Christine Stewart

The exciting plans we have to landscape the park are in jeopardy if the newspaper article quoting the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing is to be believed. (article printed in this issue). Although the Park plans were drawn up following an initiative of the Premier, Mr. Greiner, his Minister is labelling the idea "ridiculous" and "absurd". A meeting has been held of the Residents Advisory Committee to discuss what action should be taken. We have written to Mr. Rowland-Smith from this Society (letter here) and from the R.A.C., also to Leo Schofield for publicity of our views, to Mr. Carr, Leader of the Opposition for his help. A journalist from SMH is being contacted to write an article. The greyhound people have been lobbying the Government very hard and giving dinners (for many M.P.'s) to express their views. If the threat proves to be serious we may have to have a community rally on the Park. In the meantime we urge members to write to Mr. Greiner and the Sydney City Council in support of the removal of cars from the Park. It is most important that we have as many representations as possible quickly - letters could be signed by a number of people.

State slams Wenty plans

By JEFF COLLERSON

The NSW Government has come out in support of the Wentworth Park Trust and the two city greyhound clubs over City Council's controversial Wentworth Park draft management plans.

The City Council, which was recently given control of the racecourse perimeters by the Government, wants to ban parking at Wentworth Park dog track by 1992.

The council wants the park reserved for, amongst other things, Chinese chess games and Tai Chi classes.

Greyhound officials believe the failure to provide adjacent parking for racegoers would sound the track's death knell.

Yet Wentworth Park's \$18m grandstand, partly funded by the Government through the Racecourse Development Fund, has only been in operation since September 1987.

Bob Rowland Smith, the Minister for Sport and Recreation, has described the Council's plans as "ridiculous."

Speaking before 300 guests at last Sunday's Greyhound of the Year function at Sydney's Regent Hotel, Mr Rowland Smith said: "The Government has put in a very strong submission to the council about their plan of management."



Bob Rowland Smith

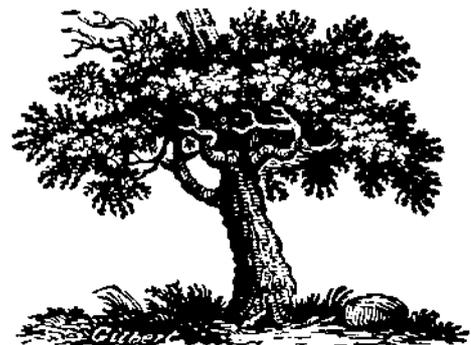
"I can assure you we will do everything in our power to ensure Wentworth Park remains the way it is at present.

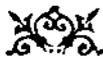
"It seems quite absurd that an area like this, which has been discarded for so long, should suddenly become a notable feature so far as the council is concerned.

"Bearing in mind the Wentworth Park complex has a magnificent grandstand, to suddenly say you cannot park your car outside, well to me, that's ridiculous.

"I can assure you the Government is right behind you in this regard."

Telegraph Mirror 31/1/91



**THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.**

BOX 100 GLEBE 2037

26th February, 1991

Mr. R. Rowland-Smith, M.P.
Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing,
Parliament House,
139 Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY 2000

Dear Mr. Rowland-Smith,

re: Wentworth Park Draft Plan of Management

The Glebe Society has fully supported the initiatives of the Premier, Mr. Greiner, to restore Wentworth Park to its former glory as one of the most beautiful parks in Sydney. Please find enclosed a copy of our submission to the Sydney City Council regarding the Wentworth Park Draft Plan of Management.

The Society was astonished to read in the Daily Telegraph-Mirror of 31st January, 1991 that you are reported as saying that the Wentworth Park Draft Plan of Management is "ridiculous" and that the Government "will do everything in our power to ensure Wentworth Park remains the way it is at present." Could you please inform the Society as to whether you have been misquoted by the newspaper or whether your statements reflect a change in policy of the NSW Government?

We draw your special attention to item 2 of our submission in the Wentworth Park Plan of Management, which states:

We recognise that the parking of motor vehicles in Wentworth Park is the most important issue to be resolved. From pages 15 and 21 of the Report it is obvious that the vehicles of patrons of the greyhound races cause considerable damage to the Park surface. It should be noted that at present after heavy rain the Park cannot be used by motor vehicles. Such continued motor vehicles access to the Park is incompatible with the restoration of the Park and its return to use by surrounding residents and other Sydneysiders. The problem of car parking for those attending the greyhound races can be solved by the offer of car parking space in adjacent garages in Wentworth Park Road. Good access should be provided from these garages to the greyhound complex. In the future, the provision of a light rail system (along the existing viaduct) including a "Wentworth Park" station, would permit greyhound patrons to arrive at the complex by public transport, so reducing the need for motor vehicle parking spaces.

We believe that further meetings should be held between residents' groups and the Wentworth Park Trust to resolve the problem of where the patrons of the greyhound races should park their cars. We further believe that you should use your position as Minister to ensure that such meetings are held and that there is rapid implementation of the Park's Plan of Management.

Yours sincerely

(Dr.) A.K.W. Wood,
President

c.c Mr.N.Greiner MP
Premier,
Town Clerk, Sydney
City Council

DON'T RUBBISH GLEBE!

Glebe is a great place to live and work, but it could look a lot nicer.

If everyone was a little more responsible we'd have a suburb full of civic pride

OLD GLEBE

Max Solling

In 1858, on his exploratory walks around Glebe, W.S. Jeavons (who subsequently became a famous British economist) noted that the frontage to Parramatta Street was 'occupied by shops and public houses doing a large trade since they are the first and last which the traffic along Parramatta Street meets with'. Parramatta Street became known as Broadway in about 1880.

Trade entries in directories between 1845 and 1876, when Glebe acquired a definite shape on the map, give some idea of where local people did their shopping, but it is not clear what kind of establishment these places were. Entries for bakers, confectioners, drapers and fancy bazaars do not necessarily mean the existence of conventional shops, but if mere numbers are any indication, they appear to have served the needs of their localities tolerably well.

It is not until 1879 that Sands' Directories provide a comprehensive coverage of suburban streets and retail use, permitting accurate reconstruction of the local landscape. The fancy bazaars, the market stall holders, the hawker and itinerant dealer were being replaced by the retail shop by the late 1870s. All that was needed to set up shop was enterprise, and a little capital, and many used this route to join the ranks of the petty bourgeoisie. Here they could achieve some degree of economic independence.

There were many signs of a more general sophistication creeping into the economic and social apparatus of the suburb in the 1880s. The Town Hall was a symbol of civic pride, wealth and independence, an impression reinforced by three handsome additions to Glebe's physical fabric near the corner of St John's Road and Glebe Road: a Court House, Police Station and Post Office. There was a branch of the Australian Joint Stock Bank and, from 1883,

Glebe could boast its own newspaper - the *Glebe, Ultimo and Forest Lodge Advocate and the Darlington Observer*, based in Derwent Street.

Those bent on self-improvement could join a variety of institutions each peddling their own recipes for success: mutual improvement, debating and choral societies, a free library, volunteer corps, friendly societies and masonic lodges.

'The main Glebe Road is equal to any street in Sydney' declared an auction advertisement in 1865. Glebe's main artery was ballasted and macadamised in the 1860s, posts with street names on galvanised iron were erected, and efforts were made to keep straying goats, pigs, and other animals off the streets. After steam tram tracks were laid along Glebe Road in 1882, road maintenance became difficult. 'The ordinary median wears out very fast and several varieties of asphalt roadway have been tried without success' one report noted.

The rise of a new generation of Glebe shopkeepers can be traced through Sands' directories from the 1880s. Most shops were to be found in groups on the main roads or on connecting side streets. The fuel and produce merchant, grocer, butcher, and baker could count on the continuous patronage of a relatively small but fairly heavily concentrated clientele. Others like the musical instrument repairer, costumer, and photographer, depended on the occasional custom of a large number of people and were found only on the main thoroughfare, Glebe Road.

A good mix of retailers stretched along both sides of Glebe Road in 1880 from Broadway to St John's Road and then down the eastern side of Glebe Road to Bridge Road: drapers and ironmongers, chemists, grocers, newsagents and seedsmen, saddlers and harnessmakers, bakers, fancy goods shops, tobacconists, confectioners, butchers, boot and shoe makers and the laundry. By 1889 a small group of shops - jeweller, fruiterer, hairdresser, grocer, milliner and dressmaker - appeared on the eastern side of Glebe Road between Bridge Road and Marlborough Street, but it was not until 1895 that a cluster of shops appeared between the Diphtheria Hospital (at 243 Glebe Road) and Ferry Road: a bootmaker, confectioner, butcher, and grocer. The group of shops in Glebe Road on either side of Forsyth Street did not appear until about 1928.

(to be continued)

A LETTER FROM LEURA

17.1.91

Dear Mr Macindoe,

I wish to tell you that my son Neil and I had a wonderful day at Glebe Open day in November. It was a real nostalgic day for me and I promise myself to be there again as soon as possible to do more and see more. I was born there (1915), and my early years were spent there, as were my Grandma McLaughlin, my aunts and a couple of uncles also. Also my mother and they all attended Glebe Public School.

I wish to maybe look into the school. Incidentally, as I am a writer and dabble in poetry, you will be pleased to know (I hope) that I've written "School Days at the Glebe during the Depression days". It was pretty tough then and I suffered so much unhappiness at the school. It would be interesting to see inside there now.

Also Neil & I wandered all over and every house where I lived was still there & nicely painted which gave me great joy. I was even invited into the No 7 St James Ave. cottage by Mr Mott and was amazed at the changes at back of the cottage - it was so awful about 70 years ago. Neil took photos and was pleased to find the tiny shop at the corner of Hegarty St & Hereford Street still standing, very woe-begone and closed. An important photo for me as that shop was once run by my dad & a friend and that is where he met my mum (about 1910). Later the Hegarty family had the shop & we shopped there...

Incidentally I was christened in the Glebe Presbyterian Church when the building was at the corner of Glebe Rd and Broadway and as a teenager was a member of the choir when the church was in Bridge Rd. I met my husband in the choir and he & a friend started up the Boys' Brigade (I have photos) which was a very worthwhile organisation. I have also written about "Linwood", Lombard St when Grandma lived there. Grandad McLaughlin was manager of J. Meloy Carriers and the old mansion was a wonderful playground for we 5 girls!

I would appreciate a chance one day to talk and as I am a member of Upper Blue Mountains Historical Society I know how interesting it is to hear about our past in the mountains, and the people who made the history.

My sincere best wishes to your wife and yourself and regards to the members of the Society. It is nice that people care!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jean I. Ross (nee Meagher)

MONDAY GROUP

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The next meeting of the Monday Group will be lunch at the home of Jean Mackenzie, 16 Avon Tower, 2A Forsyth Street, at 12 noon on 18 March 1990. As usual please bring lunch for one

DINING OUT

A regular group of Glebe Society members meets together each month to sample the fare offered by Glebe's great variety of eating places. New diners are always welcome - just let Jeanette Knox know if you would like to join us any month. Phone her on 660 7781 (evenings) a few days ahead of the advertised date so that a suitable table can be booked.

Rose Blues (23 Glebe Point Road) was the venue for the last evening of the 1990 calendar, where our own seasonal good spirits were well supported both by the excellent meal and the friendly service and relaxed atmosphere of this informal restaurant.

For 1991, our visit to the Flavour of India, on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road, launched the new season in February. Those who enjoy something spicy were well catered for, and a helpful staff steered those with milder tastes to appropriate dishes. Excellent service, again, played no small part in making the evening an enjoyable one.

See you next time?

HAPPY HOURS

These are usually held on the first Sunday of each month, between 11am and 1pm and are informal gatherings which give members an opportunity to meet each other, talk to members of the Committee or Sub-Committees, and keep up with the latest local news. A small charge (\$2) is made to reimburse the host/ess for the provision of nibbles and drinks.

Jeanette Knox would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be willing to host a Happy Hour during 1991 - phone 660 7781 (evenings).



GLEBE SOCIETY ITEMS FOR SALE

Pat Jackson has offered to look after the sale of the new Society stickers and other items. She has supplies of the following now available:

- * Glebe Society stickers (\$2.00)
- * Walking tour guides (\$3.50)
- * Correspondence cards (\$5.00 a pkt)

Phone Pat on 660 8849 (H) or 225 3613 (W).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 March - 12 noon - Monday Group - 16 Avon Tower, 2A Forsyth Street (Jean Mackenzie's home)

Tuesday 19 March - 6.30pm - Dining Out - The Excelsior, 101 Bridge Road

Thursday 21 March - 7.30pm - Committee Meeting - 152 Bridge Road

Sunday 24 March - CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday 7 April - 11am - Happy Hour- 4 Mount Vernon Street (Betty Wright's home)

Wednesday 10 April - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Aniello's, cnr Bridge Road & Junction Street

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES

- Peter Strickland - 660 7624 (H)
- Ted McKeown - 660 3917 (H)
- Beverley Horsburgh

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

All convenors are ex-officio members of the Management Committee

BAYS & FORESHORES

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BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

DIGGERS MEMORIAL

Bill Nelson - 660 6138 (H)

ENVIRONMENT

Fiona Campbell - 891 8284 (W)

HAROLD PARK

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT & GLEBE

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