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Remember to come to the 1991 Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21st July at midday at 36 Toxteth Road. In this Bulletin, there are reports from the following sub-committees and groups:

- * Bays and foreshores
- * Diggers Memorial
- * Environment
- * Traffic
- * Glebe Point Road Project Inc.

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

• Glebe Point Road Street Trees

Suggestions from a consultant on removal of unhealthy trees and issues to consider in replacement are with the Chief Engineer at council. Glebe Point Road landscaping has also been regularly discussed at Glebe Point Road Project meetings.

Plans for a noticeboard for the corner of St John's and Glebe Point Road are with council.

• Street Tree Planting of the Glebe Estate

The Society strongly supported a plan for street tree planting in the Glebe Housing Estate. This was 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.

Council has endorsed the Glebe Estate Tree Planting proposal and the Municipal Engineer's report on this was recently tabled at council's Tree Planting and Preservation Committee. This committee adopted the report except for Derwent Street, where planting on the carriageway is to be considered, taking into account a proposed policy on planting in wide streets.

• Tree Preservation Order and Significant Tree Register

There is a tree preservation order in effect in this municipality as published recently in the bulletin and council has revised guidelines for street tree requests and requests for tree lopping.

Council has also prepared a nomination form for a Significant Tree Register in liaison with the Tree Preservation and Conservation Committee.



THE HEADLESS POPLARS

The poplars outside numbers 228, 234 and 232 Glebe Point Road, near Toxteth Street have recently been topped. This has been in response to a recent accident in which someone tripped over roots of one of these trees and needed 13 stitches to a head wound.

Council staff also root pruned these trees and relaid the pavement; the tops have been cut out on the basis that there were less roots to anchor the trees. The Chief Engineer, Peter Head, also commented that simply adding a layer of bitumen over the problem roots to create a slight rise in the footpath had not worked and there were already three layers of bitumen over the roots in some cases.

However, it seems that topping out the trees instigates their demise - albeit slow - as this creates a large horizontal wound and the trunk is then prone to rotting ... besides the fact that a headless poplar looks pretty silly. Peter Head has said he will be holding a meeting with his staff about this problem and will be seeking professional advice as to what to do in the long term - along with plans to give attention to the whole avenue.



Turn to page 3 for more about Leichhardt Council and trees.



Address given by Max Solling in proposing the toast to the Society at its 22nd Birthday Party on Saturday, 15 June 1991.

After Andrew Wood asked me to propose a toast to celebrate the Glebe Society's 22nd birthday, I was flattered to see myself described as a raconteur, but I'm not altogether sure what is expected of me.

The evening of 19 June 1969, when the Glebe Society was formed, stays in my mind mainly because of the stinging attack Mr Tunks launched on local alderman Les McMahon. Mr Tunks alleged that Glebe was crawling with rats, and the good alderman had done nothing about it. Nobody rose to speak on behalf of the rats. Anyway just what rats had to do with the formation of a resident action group escaped everyone present. In a bizarre sort of way it reminded me of that ditty about the drunk staggering home:

One evening in October
 When I was far from sober
 And dragging home a load with manly pride
 My feet began to stutter
 So I laid down in the gutter
 And a pig came up and parked right by my side
 Then I warbled, It's fair weather
 When good fellows get together
 Till a lady passing by was heard to say:
 You can tell a man who boozes
 By the company he chooses!
 Then the pig got up and slowly walked away.

The continued strength of the Glebe Society for 22 years is due to unconcerted, voluntary labour of many local people, who have given unstintingly of their time. It has retained a healthy membership, continued to produce an informative monthly bulletin and vigorously pursue matters that affect Glebe. In its early years the suburb faced serious threats. The Department of Main Roads proposed to build two expressways that would have carved enormous chunks out of Glebe. The Society and other groups mobilised their resources to fight the DMR and the intervention of Jack Munday's Builders Labourers Federation, which imposed green bans on Glebe, saved the day. I think the acquisition of the Churchlands by the Federal Government in 1974 was a remarkable achievement; it was the Society that

appealed to the Glebe Administration Board to reconsider the decision to sell off St Phillips and Bishopthorpe and then prepared a written case for its preservation and restoration, and it was the suburb's good fortune to have a minister with the vision of Tom Uren to get the proposal through Cabinet because, at the time, it was a unique venture by government.

Without the comprehensive case prepared by the Society, and the vision of Tom Uren as minister for urban and regional development, Glebe would have lost 720 houses occupied by low income people and would never have been the same again.

In the last decade or so the Society has played a critical role in improving the amenity of the suburb. To my mind two significant and lasting achievements stand out - the creation of Blackwattle Bay Park and the Bicentennial Park. There is no doubt that without resident action these two wonderful parks would not have come to fruition. The Plan of Management for Wentworth Park is very impressive. Let's hope the initiative and foresight of the City Council which plans to spend \$3 million improving this park, are not thwarted.

In 1971 the Society supported the formation of the Leichhardt Historical Journal, which is now up to Volume 16, and as local history journals go, I think it sets a high standard.

Local history has the strength of being popular both as an activity and a literary form, and people are continually asking themselves questions about where they live and how their elders fared. It gives the inveterate rambler, with a stout pair of boots, a much more immediate sense of the past. He meets it round the corner and down the street, reads its graffiti on the walls, and the abstract categories of social class, instead of being assumed, have to be translated into occupational differences and individual life careers.

Paul Hasluck in his autobiography, *Mucking About*, paints a fascinating picture of regional historical societies in Western Australia. Certainly I've found local historical societies vary enormously. One evening I spoke to a religious society, largely a gathering of senior citizens. "That was a wonderful talk Mr Solling" one lady said "not nearly so many of our members went to sleep tonight". A little later I was approached by a wild eyed gentleman, clearly anxious to tell me something. That's when the Society secretary stepped in. In a stentorian voice she announced "Don't talk to him, he's quite mad".

The cause of historical accuracy received a bit of a mauling, when any historical society visited Margareta Cottage in Leichhardt Street, the

home of Vincent Sheppard. Vincent was a friend of mine, and with his death in 1987 Glebe lost one of its great characters; I know that Vincent would be delighted with the way David McIntosh is continuing the tradition of musical recitals. A medical practitioner by training but a musician at heart (and a very good one at that), my mother described Dr Sheppard as a "middle aged delinquent". I don't think he would have quarrelled with that assessment.

I generally finished off weekend walks around Glebe with all sorts of organisations with a visit to Margareta Cottage. It was with some degree of uncertainty and apprehension that I approached the gate of 6 Leichhardt Street. What was going to happen? I was never disappointed. It was never dull at Vincent's place.

With great solemnity one afternoon he gave the Blacktown Historical Society what they wanted - the most fantastic stories you've ever heard. He made their day and they drifted out his gate in wonderment. He had a wicked sense of humour.

I'll finish with a potted biography of writer Joaquin Miller (1841-1913), someone who Vincent Sheppard would enjoy. Miller was determined to be the hero of his own colourful imaginings, and had the satisfaction of seeing his wish largely fulfilled. He wrote a poem about the swashbuckling General William Walker, who had led an expedition to Nicaragua; and after a while he convinced himself that he had actually been "with Walker in Nicaragua". He also came to believe that he had taken part in the battle of Castle Crags (1855) against the Shasta Indians; but this belief had no more substance than George IV's fancy that he was a combatant of Waterloo. In later life (when he remembered) he would walk with a limp, the result (as he told a respectful audience of admirers) of a wound received at the Pit River battle against the Modocs. According to which stage of his creative autobiography Miller had reached, this was either described as a bullet wound (meaning he fought on the side of the Modocs) or an arrow (meaning he fought with the white men). Latterly he settled for the arrow, but neither version cut any ice with Ambrose Bierce, who pointed out that Miller "sometimes limps with the wrong leg".

Without further ado, ladies and gentlemen please charge your glasses to the continued health of the Glebe Society.

the Tree Preservation and Conservation Committee

The council is listening and working with residents as to what they want in the Tree Preservation and Conservation Committee. Leichhardt and Annandale are well represented - but there is a dearth of Glebe residents on this committee.

The Tree Preservation and Conservation Committee is open to all residents. If you would like to improve the local environment - and actually get your fingers in a good bit of dirt and plant some trees - come along to the meetings. They are usually held at 7 pm on the last Thursday in each month. Give council (contact Glen McLennan) a call - 367 9222 - to check on the date for the next one.

TREE COMMITTEE GREENS LEICHHARDT

Our Tree Committee and residents should be congratulated for their efforts in helping to Green our Municipality. Major projects such as the tree planting in Norton and Marion Streets have undoubtedly injected life and beautified those busy thoroughfares. The Committee has also been instrumental in organising residents in tree planting days in our parks and streets.

I ask that residents regularly water the trees outside their property, especially those who have requested trees through Council.

from Bill Brady's "Topics"
column, the Glebe and Western
Weekly, 3rd July, 1991

Honorary Life Members of the Society

At the Special General Meeting of the Society held in May this year to elect Neil Macindoe as an Honorary Life Member, it was suggested by Alison McKeown that a list of Life Members be published in the Bulletin. The known list is as follows:

John Buckingham
Albert Mispel
John Hoddinott
Albert Renshaw
Bernard Smith
Jeanette Knox
Neil Macindoe

If you know of any other member who has been elected to life membership and is not included in the list above please tell a member of the Management Committee.

Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays

At the 1990 AGM my report briefly indicated the state of play at each site around the bays. I'll give my 1991 Report more focus by dubbing it "The Year of the Wharves".

1. Council, for reasons best known to itself, made the inclusion of a wharf at Backwattle Bay Park a requirement for any development of Bellevue/Venetia. The proposal favoured by Council includes a wharf which will have as its primary function, the berthing of a cruise boat that will be stocked with food by the proposed restaurant in Venetia.

2. The proposed boat repair facility at the end of Cook Street, which included a wharf/marina for berthing boats awaiting repair, has had its berthing capacity drastically reduced. The site is for sale.

3. A large, covered wharf is proposed for the end of Glebe Point Road. This will be funded jointly by Council and the State Government. While "the wharf is intended to provide primarily for recreational boating", its design will enable it to be used by cruise craft and potentially, commuter ferries. I am pleased to report Council, somewhat belatedly, has now sought more general resident response by letter-boxing the local area.

I have used my 1991 Report to focus attention on these proposals because they, together with other proposals mooted or rumoured (MSB Works on the northern shore, temporary berthing facilities at the Hardy's/Fink site, boatel(s) to replace the Fish Markets...) will generate considerable traffic on the bays. This increased water traffic will have a significant impact on the bays in general, and on The Glebe Rowing Club in particular.

I repeat our long-held opinion that there should be a moratorium on all development until a total development plan for the bays is conceived.

John Buckingham

DIGGERS MEMORIAL SUBCOMMITTEE

The Glebe Society's goal in establishing the Diggers Memorial Subcommittee some six months ago was the restoration of the fine memorial beside

Foley Park to those who died in the service of their country in the First World War.

Max Solling and Rev. Hugh Scott soon joined the subcommittee, and it was recognised that there were many essential steps to be taken to approach the goal. These steps have been in progress, and consequently a body of knowledge and essential contacts has been building.

We have been frustrated to find that original plans, specifications and drawings are not known to exist. We have corresponded with Professor Inglis of the Australian National University and with Jan Brazier, who together conducted a national survey of war memorials. Jan Brazier kindly sent us "a copy of the few pieces we collected regarding the Glebe war memorial", and she noted that "the memorial is the only one of its kind that we came across in our survey" and they nominated it to the Register of the National Estate of the Australian Heritage Commission.

This recognition supports the interest of our Society, in the community, to restore and value this memorial to citizens who gave their lives. It reflects also a wider community interest, and this has been evident from relatives who have contacted us, and in the many people we have talked to in endeavouring to obtain information - including Leichhardt Council, the RSL of New South Wales, the National War Memorial, the Archives Authority of NSW, the Public Works Department of NSW, and the librarians of Mitchell Library, Leichhardt Municipal Library, and the Sydney City Council.

Leichhardt Council has approved our obtaining quotes for replacement of the missing or destroyed busts of the soldier, the sailor and the angel. We have identified appropriate firms to be approached, and we are finalising the material needed to put to them. Concern remains for the safety of the memorial if restoration does prove feasible. Mr Ken Pearson-Smith, of Lecturer in Design and Construction at University of Technology, Sydney, who includes in his interests the issue of vandalism to buildings and structures, will inspect the site during July and advise us.

Bill Nelson

THE GLEBE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

TRAFFIC SUB-COMMITTEE

Most activity this year has been correspondence with Leichhardt Council about local traffic matters. The Society responded to the Council call for comment on a proposal to instal parking meters on Glebe Point Road with a submission opposing such a move as being in conflict with the heritage qualities of Glebe Point Road, and being likely to increase parking pressures in other streets. It was suggested that stricter enforcement of present restrictions might achieve the same result.

The reply from the Council to a letter setting out traffic concerns raised at the 1990 AGM was published in the April 1991 Bulletin (and has provoked further correspondence to Council from one of our members).

A letter of October 1990 making enquiries about the implications of an Administrative Review of State Road Funding for Glebe, particularly Glebe Point Road, has just recently been answered. Among other points made, Council advised that there are no proposals, that Council is aware, to intensify traffic on Glebe Point Road or Wigram Road; nor to signalise the intersection. Any such proposals would require RTA consultation with Council.

The Society also wrote to the Minister for Roads in 1990 regarding the height of the new Glebe Island Bridge and its implications for the design of roads at the head of Rozelle Bay, and was informed by the Assistant Minister that no changes in the construction plans for the new bridge were envisaged.

Overall, the main hope for traffic reduction in Glebe seems to remain the completion of the City-West link, and improvements in public transport, such as light rail, which might attract some journeys away from private cars.

Jeanette Knox

PLANNING REPORT

GLEBE POINT WHARF

The Society has expressed its concern about the proposed size of the wharf and the use of a boardwalk rather than a continuation of the waterfront path. The Society also opposes the use of the wharf as a set down or pick up point for cruise vessels, and any development that interferes with the rowing course of the Glebe Rowing Club.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The Society will hold talks over the next few weeks with the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Community Affairs, Prof. Sam Ball, concerning the University's plans for Glebe. Prof. Ball was a very welcome guest at the Society's Birthday Party.

28 ALLEN STREET

The Society held very valuable discussions with the National Trust on 14 June. The Trust was unaware the proposals for this house were all made as building, rather than development applications, and in general supports the use of development applications. Tony Strehan, a Society member and for many years a member of the Trust's Urban Conservation Committee, has suggested the creation of a code for the type of alterations that can be made to a house, along the lines of Mosman Council's code.

BACKPACKERS

The Society is objecting to a scheme to increase the available space at the Glebe Point Road backpackers by enclosing an area at the rear.

48 WIGRAM ROAD AND OTHERS

The tendency to overdevelop sites to the detriment of the streetscape and neighbours continues. The Society suggests members discuss any such developments with the owners to see if less gross solutions can be found.

Society's policy on Records and Archives

Andrew Wood

In this Bulletin you will find a draft document which gives details of the proposed "Records and Archives Policy" of the Society. The document has been prepared by our Archivist, Clive Smith. Please carefully read the document and let a member of the Management Committee know of any comments or alterations you may have, prior to the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 21st August 1991. The document will be considered by the Management Committee at the August meeting and, after incorporating any necessary changes, will be adopted as Society policy.

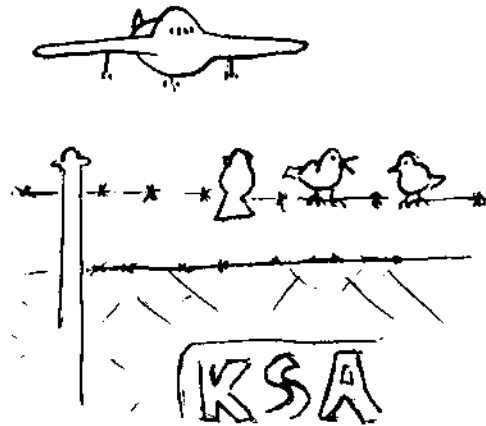
KSA & Glebe

To date, the community has effectively dealt with the inadequacies and omissions of the draft EIS on the proposed third runway. Many municipal councils combined to form ACT (Airport Coordinating Taskforce) that is still working on the issue- their booklet "Exploding the Third Runway Myths" should be in the Glebe library by now for you to read. It is an excellent summary of the facts. The final EIS should appear in August and our newly-elected municipal councils will need to continue this work after the September elections. It is important that you seek assurances from prospective councillors that, if elected, they would continue Leichhardt Council's presence on ACT. Vigorous participation and preparedness to help with funding ACT, and also an active voice on the CAA's Aircraft Environment Subcommittee, will all be needed to help safeguard this municipality from future aviation excesses.

We hear that the Minister for the Environment will not be calling for an inquiry. The Society recently wrote to her, tying in revelations from the SPCC report on the runway with terrible Sydney smog in May, and pro-runway lobbyists' visit to Canberra - "Cabinet to OK third runway - but not yet" SunHerald 12.5.91. The Minister's reply acknowledged the Society's concerns about potential impacts on air quality resulting from the proposed operation of Sydney (KS) Airport as described in the draft EIS. She was not able to comment specifically as the EIS process is still under way.

The following letter from Geoff Walker to the "Business Review Weekly" was published in an edited form. Here is his letter which you may find interesting:

Alison McKeown. (660 3917).



'Its them or us boys, down here on the Bay, but we've got the numbers'

The Editor
Business Review Weekly.

Dear Sir,

The hotel and tourist operators who think that a third runway is the best solution to the capacity problem at Kingsford Smith Airport (Briefing, May 17) are in the same boat as so many other commentators who have not made a personal effort to analyse the problem. The congestion at Kingsford Smith Airport is a classic example of what can go wrong when commercial services provided by arms of government are underpriced in relation to economic inputs.

The replacement cost of the Federal Airports Corporation's land at KSA is at least \$2 billion. The draft Third Runway EIS tells us that the development cost of an international airport is about \$3 billion and indeed the FAC intends to spend nearly \$2 billion at KSA in coming years. We can safely assume that the replacement cost of an international airport close to the Sydney CBD is at least \$5 billion. Yet the FAC's profit at KSA represents a return of 1% on this amount!

So why doesn't the FAC set its charges to make a commercially acceptable profit on the replacement value of its land and infrastructure at Kingsford Smith Airport? Because of its public service ancestry does the FAC lack the backbone to stand up to the airlines?

Back of the envelope calculations suggest that the requisite charges would hardly be noticed by domestic and international jet travellers but would deter smaller operators. It would then be apparent that the commercially viable demand at Kingsford Smith Airport is far less than unrestricted demand and that there

is no justification on capacity grounds for building an expensive jet runway anywhere in Sydney until well into the next century.

What would also be apparent is that Sydney's real need for a relatively inexpensive runway and facilities for lighter aircraft at a location where lower land values mean that a commercial return on investment does not represent an unaffordable impost on users.

In anticipation of protests from NSW country travellers, even after such a micro-economic reform they could still have access to Kingsford Smith Airport for many years. This is because the ensuing surplus capacity at Kingsford Smith Airport which would otherwise go to waste could be offered at today's prices.

Compared with the hotel and tourist operators' preference of a third runway, the economically sensible solution of rational pricing by the FAC would defer for years the large capital outlay on additional jet runway, would raise hundreds of millions of dollars for taxpayers and would send proper economic signals to users of air services. The problem at KSA is not the runways, it's the FAC!

Yours faithfully,
Geoff Walker
Glebe.
19.5.91.

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT INC

We gained new partners in the Glebe Point Road Project when the new Glebe Chamber of Commerce took over the role of the Glebe Street Fair. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes and as yet not a lot to show. However, such is the nature of an ambitious and long term project

The Glebe Point Road Project takes advantage of the State Government's Main Street Programme and this has provided access to funding for several key studies. This year we were successful in gaining two dollar for dollar grants, one for a heritage study of Glebe Point Road, and the other for stage two of the Jubilee fountain project.

The aim of the project is to encourage community involvement in the improvement and revitalization of Glebe's commercial centre, recognising that Glebe Point Road has a major residential component. The program will provide an approach to future design considerations for the street, identify important heritage elements for conservation, provide an impetus for local business development, and focus on greater promotion of the area.

A workshop was held with Elizabeth Vines an architect with particular experience in main street projects, as guest speaker. She emphasised the importance of authenticity in restoration of old buildings and for this she makes a lot of use of early photographs. If we are to adopt the same approach for Glebe Point Road, then we need to build up a collection of reference photographs. Help from members of the Society would be most welcome.

The Project held its second ART PRIZE competition and exhibition, and this is expected to continue as an annual event.

A new visual arts initiative is the calling of expressions of interest for artists living or working in Glebe for innovative proposals for environmental outdoor works. The committee is keen to visually enhance Glebe's public features, as there are many parks, walls, railway bridges, posts, bus shelters, and such that could be made more visually interesting.

Peter Strickland



DRAFT

The Glebe Society Incorporated

RECORDS AND ARCHIVES POLICY

Definitions

Archives are records that have been selected for permanent retention because of their evidential and/or informational value.

Records are documents and other items (such as plans, maps, photographs, drawings, sound and video recordings, etc.) that have been received or created by the Society in the course of its business.

A **disposal schedule** is a document listing categories of records and specifying their retention periods and whether they should be retained or destroyed.

Officer means any person elected to the Society's Management Committee, or appointed to convene a Sub-Committee, or appointed to undertake any function or activity.

Retention periods are calculated from the date of last action.

Responsible officer means the officer responsible for the relevant function or activity.

Ownership of Records and Archives

All records created or received by the Society or by its elected or appointed officers in the course of Society business are owned by the Society.

Wherever possible, all contracts for work commissioned by or on behalf of the Society will specify whether records created in the course of the commission are owned by the Society or by the contractor. Where ownership is vested in the contractor, the contracts should specify that the Society will at all times retain right of access to records created in the course of the commission, and that any such records should not be destroyed without the consent of the Society.

Copyright in Records and Archives

Copyright in records created by the Society's elected and appointed officers is vested in the Society, provided that officers have licence to make copies of records created by them (but not for the purpose of profit).

Contracts for work commissioned by or on behalf of the Society should specify whether the Society or the contractor owns the copyright in records created in the course of the commission. Where copyright is vested in the contractor, contracts should specify that the Society has licence to make copies of those records (but not for the purpose of profit).

Custody of Records

Records shall remain in the custody of relevant responsible officer until such time as the records cease to be required for current reference.

Each outgoing responsible officer shall hand over to his/her successor all records in his/her custody.

Records no longer required for current reference may be deposited by the relevant responsible officer in a place approved by the Management Committee.

Archivist

The Management Committee shall appoint an Archivist, who will be responsible for:

- preparation of disposal schedules and selection of records for permanent retention as the Society's archives,
- preparation of descriptive documentation and finding aids (inventories, indexes, etc.) for the Society's archives, and
- arranging the deposit of archives with the Society's archival repository.

Archival Repository

The Management Committee shall appoint an archival repository, which will have the custody of the Society's archives.

Access to the Society's Archives

The Management Committee will determine who may be given access to the Society's archives. Until such time as the archives are collected together and appropriately arranged and described, access is restricted to members of the Management Committee and to persons expressly authorised by the Management Committee.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

WHERE ARE ALL OUR ART DECO BUILDINGS?

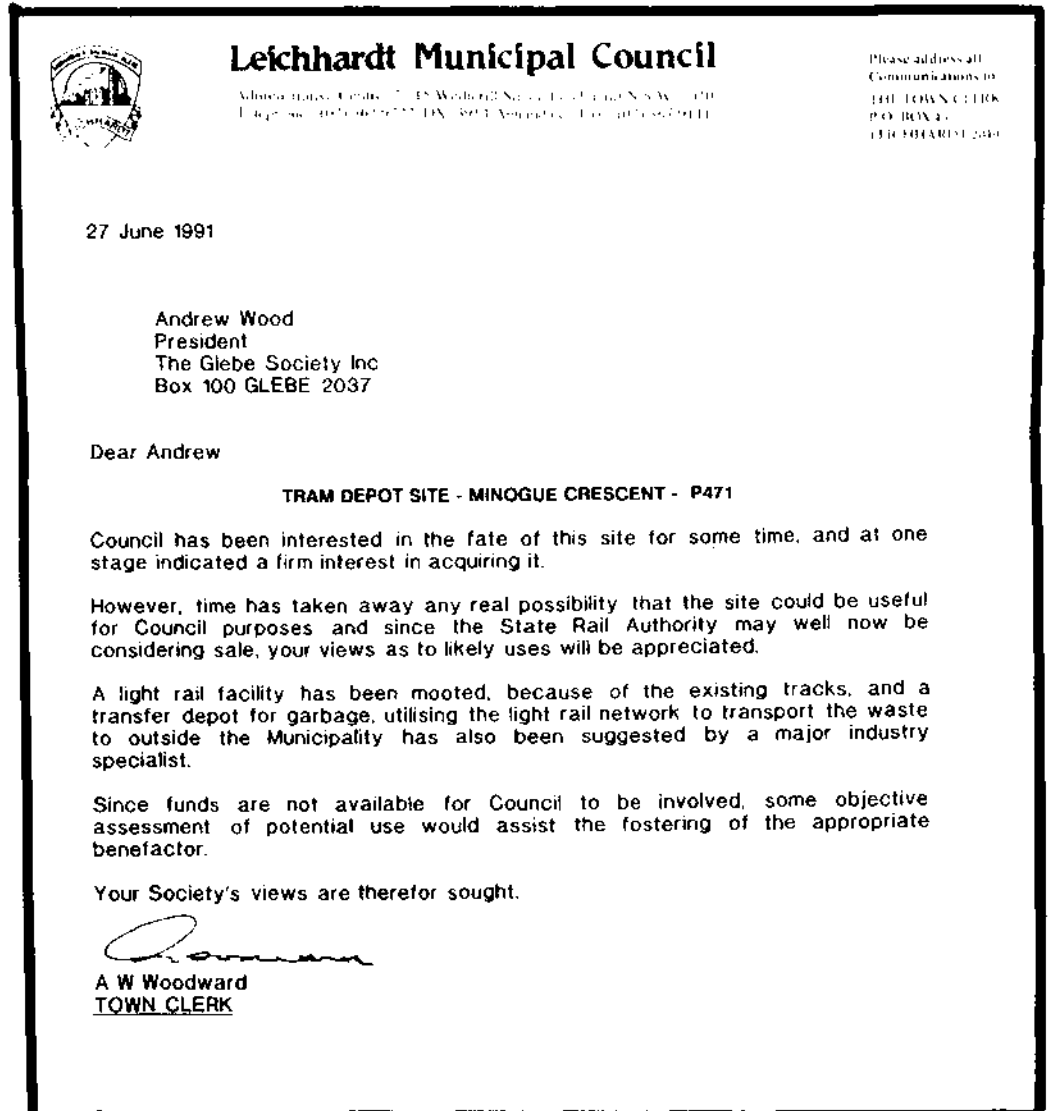
SATURDAY, 10 AUGUST
10.30 am to 3.00pm

This walk and talk is organised by the RAHS and the Art Deco Society of NSW. The walk begins in Hyde Park near the Anzac War Memorial and proceeds through the city, ending in Farrer Place. We will be guided on this walk by an architect who is a member of the Art Deco Society. After lunch at History House, a talk entitled "Where did it come from? Where did it go?" accompanied by slides will show other aspects of the Art Deco style.

COST:- \$15.00 MEMBERS \$20.00 NON-MEMBERS (Lunch included) Please return with payment by 8 August 1991 to:- RAHS, HISTORY HOUSE, 133 MACQUARIE ST SYDNEY, 2000
PHONE - MARI METZKE. (02) 247 8001

The Choir of Christ Church St Laurence is giving a concert and dinner to raise money for their forthcoming New Zealand tour. The concert and dinner will be at Margareta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street, Glebe Point on Saturday, 3rd August 1991. For tickets contact Christ Church St Laurence - telephone 211 0560.

A recent letter from Leichhardt Council.



Any ideas or comments may be made direct to Leichhardt Council or through your management committee.

**LIVING IN
 SYDNEY**



**The Living in Sydney
 Conference is sponsored by:**

Jack Munday (leading urban environmentalist), **Karen Willis** (community worker), **Don Syme** (local councillor), Shelter NSW (housing association), **Dr Martin Mowbray** (academic, social work), **Heather Rice** (Lucas Heights anti-nuclear campaigner), **Frank Stilwell** (political economist), **Gary Zadkovic** (unionist), **Caron Morrison** (campaigner for Urban Transport Sanity, Environmental candidate NRMA elections).

**August 3 & 4, 1991
 TAFE College,
 136 William St, Granville**

**For more information
 phone: Tanya Ritchie,
 conference organiser
 (02) 267 6820**

OLD GLEBE 5

Max Solling

THE BROADWAY

There had been a catholic array of shops in Bay and Glebe Streets and along Broadway from an early date, since the hard core of intensive residential development in Glebe was concentrated in this neighbourhood. Noxious trades, established when slaughter houses dotted the edge of Blackwattle Swamp, remained in the precinct after the abattoirs opened at Glebe Island in 1860. The odours emitting from Thomas Dunn's and John Dorrington's tanneries, from William Pritchard's candle works, and Terrence McArdell's soap and candle factory were particularly offensive.

Among the shops in Broadway (between Bay Street and Glebe Road) in 1900 were Jeson's bookshop, Butter's chemist shop, an oyster saloon, Howitt's printing shop, hairdresser Maggie Wellman and, at 29 Broadway, but numbered 231, Arthur Merrington's jewellery shop, operating until December 1989, when Mr Merrington retired.

Grace Brothers were expanding in all directions, expelling the noxious trades. Joseph Grace opened a drapery at 5-7 Broadway in 1885 and a little later his brother Albert joined him in the business. By 1892 they had taken over three adjoining shops and added glassware and imported boots to the items they sold; in 1896 a four-storey building was erected at the rear of Grace Street. Further extensions with clock tower, globe, and an electricity power house were built in 1904 and the Broadway front was rebuilt in 1906.

Many Glebe people found employment at Grace Bros whose slogan was

BE SURE AND GET IT AT GRACE BROS.

The firm relied heavily on junior sales assistants and the employers' slogan was parodied by staff as:

BE SURE YOU'LL GET IT AT GRACE BROS -
THE SACK AT 21

The removal, storage and shipping division emerged out of the firm's retail furniture business to become the largest of its type in Australia.



George Finch, a well known identity, acquired Kay's tailor shop at 13 Glebe Road and displayed a slogan that also became embedded in the minds of local people:

For
Faultless
Fit and
Fashionable
Fabrics
FINCH is
First and
Foremost

Grace Bros with some 200 employees in 1914, was providing stiff competition to Glebe's 7 drapers and 16 bootmakers and ironmongers. Business and reading interests were catered for by 3 booksellers, 3 newsagents, a stationer and the Workingmen's Institute. There were 8 pharmacists, including the Sydney United Friendly Society Dispensary and C.H. West, who worked as a chemist and dentist, 9 doctors and 9 dentists. Fortyfour grocers and 19 butchers competed with one another and with the provision dealers and the solitary ham and beef shop.

In 1914 there were 3 Glebe jewellers and a photographer, 7 dressmakers, 13 hairdressers, and 5 laundries, including W.H. Lanham and Co. (3 Forest Street) and the West End Steam Laundry (56-58 Bay Street). There were also 2 fishmongers, 6 milk vendors, 6 fruiterers, 4 bakers, 6 confectioners, and 4 fuel merchants.

(to be continued)

MONDAY GROUP

For the August meeting, the Monday Group plans to visit the Art Gallery of NSW, to have lunch and view the exhibition "Bohemians in the Bush".

Meet at the Art Gallery at 11.30 am on 19th August. For further information 'phone Katherine on 660 2879 as Sally will be on holiday.

GLEBE SOCIETY ITEMS FOR SALE

Pat Jackson has supplies of the following Glebe Society items now available for sale:

- * Glebe Society stickers - \$2.00
- * Glebe walking tour guides - \$3.50
- * correspondence cards - \$5.00/packet

For details phone Pat on 660 8849(H) or 225 3613(W).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17th July - 7.30pm - Committee meeting at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Sunday 21st July - Happy Hour at 36 Toxteth Road (the Stewarts) 12.00 midday THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

Wednesday 31st July - 6.30pm - Dining Out at the DIFFERENT DRUMMER, 185 Glebe Point Road. (bookings - Jeanette Knox - 660 7781)

Sunday 18th August - 11.00 am - Happy Hour at Jan and Neil Macindoe's, 56 Wigram Rd

Monday 19th August - MONDAY GROUP - Art Gallery - meet at 11.30 am

Wednesday 21st August, 7.30 pm - Committee Meeting at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street



THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES:

Peter Strickland - 660 7624(H)
Ted McKeown - 660 3917(H)
Anton Crouch - 660 2889(H)

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(All convenors or ex-officio members of the Management Committee)

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692 2451(W)

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922 3877(W)

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MEMBERSHIP LIST: Andrew Wood - 660 2194

NEW MEMBERS REP: Sue Littleton - 660 5610

MONDAY GROUP: Sally Nelson - 660 6138

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Ordinary membership - \$22.00, additional household members \$5.00 each, student or pensioner - \$8.00, Institutional \$28.00

For information write to P.O. Box 100 Glebe or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610.