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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Andrew Wood presented the following report at the Society's 22nd Annual General Meeting on 21st July at Christine and Russell Stewart's house:

I can report to you that the Society has had an extremely busy 22nd year. In November last year a highly successful house inspection was organised by Neil Macindoe and I must thank again all those who opened their houses to the public and also all those members who assisted as house minders on the day.

At the end of last year a new sub-committee was formed. It is known as the Diggers' Memorial Sub-Committee and its convenor is Bill Nelson. The sub-committee has the considerable task of restoring the war memorial in Glebe Point Road. Over recent years the memorial has been severely vandalised and as you will have read in the Bulletin, the sub-committee has already done marvellous work in re-establishing the original design and features of the memorial.

The new Society logo (in the form of a window sticker), which was designed by Christine Stewart, was sent to all members in January. Patricia Jackson was responsible for the final production and printing of the sticker and we must thank her for all her work.

In February, members of the Committee, the Town Clerk and Mrs Woodward and Judie McCumstie from the Glebe Chamber of Commerce gathered for drinks in my house. Over 30 people attended and the function provided a chance for all involved in the organisation of the Society to see each other at the beginning of the year and also to have the opportunity of meeting the Town Clerk and of talking over any problems with him.



SOMETHING
TO
CROW
ABOUT

THE BEST MUST WIN
MADE IN AUSTRALIA

In April the Society received an inaugural Glebe Community Award. It was given to the Society by the NSW Police and expressed their gratitude for the Society's involvement in, and support of, the community in Glebe. I think that all members of the Society over the past 22 years can take pride in the award, as it recognises the enormous amount of work that has been done by Society members in making Glebe such an enjoyable place to live.

The Society's social events were well attended. Our Christmas Party was held at Darling Mills Restaurant and we were fortunate to have the choir "The Cafe of the Gate of Salvation" to sing to us. Happy Hours, Dining Out Nights and the Monday Group all continued to provide a time for members to meet and to talk about issues affecting our suburb. Special thanks are again due to Sally Nelson, Jeanette Knox and Edwina Doe who have spent so much time organising these events and also to all those members who made their houses available for an Happy Hour.

The Society's 22nd Birthday Party took the form of a free public concert in the chapel of the Convent of the Good Samaritan. The concert was advertised throughout Glebe and the chapel was filled to capacity. The performances of David McIntosh and Graeme Rawson on the organ and the choirs of St Scholastica's School and Christ Church St Laurence were outstanding.

After the concert a most successful cocktail party was held in Ted and Alison McKeown's house and I am sure that all members were particularly pleased that Sandra Nori, the newly elected member for Port Jackson and Professor Sam Ball, the recently appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Community Relations for the University of Sydney, were able to attend.

So what of the future in Glebe. There are a number of issues which I think the Society members should address in the coming year. The first of these is the continuing problem of litter and rubbish in our suburb. As President it has been one of the most common complaints raised with me. Also, as somebody who walks and 'jogs' regularly through our suburb, what surprises me is how some lanes and streets are completely free from litter whilst others seem to always look like a rubbish tip. There is only so much time and money that Leichhardt Council can spend in removing the mess, so that it seems to me that the clean areas are those where there is civic pride and the residents are spending some time each week cleaning around their houses or units. If each week every member of the Society cleaned up rubbish around their property and their neighbours we would have cleaned at least a fifth of the suburb - I am sure we would all start to notice the difference if this could be achieved!

A second problem has arisen in the neglect of major buildings in Glebe such as the University Hotel on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Parramatta Road and Reussdale in Bridge Road. These fine historic buildings are protected by heritage orders, yet their owners have no financial incentive to restore their properties. The value of such buildings to Australia as a whole should be recognised by the Federal Government and Leichhardt Municipal Council. The Federal Government should permit the cost of all repairs and restoration work undertaken on these buildings to be fully tax deductible, irrespective of the length of ownership. Also Leichhardt Council should recognise the considerable additional costs of maintaining such old buildings with a National Trust classification by providing their owners with a rate rebate of 50%, once the building has been satisfactorily restored.

I would now like to talk about the work of those responsible for the running of the Society

in 1990/91. Each of the Convenors of the Sub-Committees will be talking to you soon and answering any questions you may have. I would like to thank each of the Convenors for all the time and effort they have spent on behalf of the Society during the year. The Convenors have been John Buckingham, Bob Armstrong, Bill Nelson, Fiona Campbell, Gideon Rutherford, Tony Larkum, Alison McKeown, John Hoddinott, Neil Macindoe, Jeanette Knox and Chris Stewart.

The work of the Glebe Point Road Project has continued. The project is a joint activity of the Society and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and special thanks go to Peter Strickland (who acts as chairperson of the Society's representations), Ted McKeown, Beverley Horsborough and Anton Crouch for all the time they have spent on the Project.

In the latest Bulletin you will have seen the draft of the Society's Archives policy. This document was prepared by our Archivist, Clive Smith. Clive has recently been appointed as archivist of the World Bank in Washington. We all thank him for the work he has done for the Society and wish him well for his prestigious appointment in the USA.

The Bulletin has continued to keep members informed of Society activities and events generally in Glebe. The Bulletin editor, Jeremy Long, as well as Edwina Doe and Peter Strickland have all made enormous contributions of time to ensure that the traditionally high standard of production continues.

Max Solling has again provided advice on historical matters and answered the many letters received from members of the public requesting information about their forebears who lived in Glebe. Also Sue Littleton has continued as the new members representative and has answered many of the telephone enquiries about the Society.

Edwina Doe has efficiently carried out the task of Treasurer and ensured that the Society's funds are properly managed. Ann Disher, Patricia Jackson, Cynthia Jones, Jeanette Knox and Frank Navin have all served as members of the Management Committee of the Society and the Society must again express its appreciation for all the work they have done.

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Peter Strickland, as immediate Past-President, has been a great help to me over the past two years and I have sought and valued his advice and experience on many matters. Marianne von Knobelsdorff as Vice-President has been able to chair those committee meetings when I have been away and when necessary she has also been able to represent the President at various functions. I am specially grateful for all the work that she has done for the management of the Society.

I would like to conclude my report by saying how much I have enjoyed serving the Society as its President over the past two years. I believe that the management of the Society and its Sub-Committees are in good hands and that the Society in its 23rd year will continue to fight for the preservation of Glebe and to promote the well-being and interests of its citizens.



GLEBE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- PHOTOCOPIER SERVICE
- MEMBERSHIP

We would be most interested to know what activities you would like in the Glebe community.

We are housed in the Glebe Town Hall, call in for a chat and have a look at this marvellous old building.

1991 GLEBE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual Glebe Music Festival is being held this year from 17th to 23rd November in conjunction with the Glebe Street Fair, the Glebe Society and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce. The major beneficiary of profits from this festival will be the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Camperdown.

The programme of events includes:

Sunday 17 November -7.00pm - Concert by "The Goodchild Ensemble" (trumpet, oboe, bassoon, organ) at Saint Scholastica's Chapel - tickets \$10.00

Tuesday 19 November - 7.00pm - Mini-tour of Glebe starting at Saint Scholastica's Chapel with works for organ and soprano, and then to St John's Church for a short organ recital and chamber music group "Stringendo" playing Schubert. Tickets \$20.00

Same day - 7.30 pm (concurrent event) Candlelit dinner, fashion parade and jewellery show at Darling Mills, with string quartette, "Electra". Tickets \$50.00.

Wednesday 20 November - 8.00pm Concert by "The Reluctant Consort" (music of the Mediaeval and Renaissance periods) at Margaretta Cottage, with drinks at interval and supper at conclusion. Tickets \$40.00,

Friday 22 November - 7.30pm - Soiree at St Andrew's College, Carillon Avenue, University of Sydney, - violin, piano and organ -, supper provided. Tickets \$20.00 (students \$10.00)

Saturday 23 November - 8.00pm - Gala Musical Soiree at Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street Glebe Point, with performance by the Early Music Association and jazz, rhythm & blues 'til late. Drinks at interval and supper at conclusion. Black tie. Tickets \$40.00.

For further details contact Judy McCumstie at the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, phone 552 1546, from whom tickets can be purchased in advance.

KSA & GLEBE.

Aircraft Noise. Acceptable levels are held as:
 normal domestic activities - 60 dBA
 relaxing and sleeping - 50 dBA
 private offices - 55 dBA
 open offices - 65 dBA
 (Australian Standards AS 2021-1985)

The following predictions for a 747 jet using the proposed Third Runway are based on ANEF contours published by the FAC, & Aust. Standard AS 2021-1985 Acoustics - Aircraft noise Intrusion - Building Site & Construction.

ANEF 20: Annandale, Camperdown, Newtown, landing, 7 km from runway 85 dBA (71 dBA now)
 take-off, 9km " " 80 dBA (72 dBA now)

ANEF 25: St Peters, landing, 4 km from runway 91 dBA (71 dBA now)
 take-off, 6km " " 87 dBA (74 dBA now)

ANEF 30: Mascot, landing, 2 km from runway 97 dBA (67 dBA now)
 take-off, 6km " " 97 dBA (75 dBA now)

Noise intrusion effect is much the same for both landing and take-offs because take-offs have a much lower and more penetrating character.

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WILL THE RUNWAY BE A LEMON?

Estimates supporting the proposed 3rd Runway are seriously in error. David Lockwood's studies indicate the draft EIS data time-span was too short, wind gusting was not adequately addressed and the fact that stronger winds tend to occur at air-traffic peaks was ignored. 2,000 flights p.a. would be diverted elsewhere and 2,000 flights would be denied take-off for possibly hours. Therefore the east/west runway will be used and noise reduction claims are greatly exaggerated. Landings on the 3rd Runway in the southerly direction would not be possible for 36.8% effective time, increasing upto 60% on July mornings. So, FAC estimates for crash risk, noise and capacity are wrong, to date. There would be more take-offs TO THE NORTH (consider the noise impacts!) and there is no maximum efficiency with the runway. Please ring 660 3917 if you would like a copy of Lockwood's study.

Members: if you made a submission to the draft EIS please note you will not automatically receive a copy of the final EIS. You will have to write to the Manager Technical Services, FAC, Sydney (KSA) Airport, PO Box 63, Mascot. 2020.

THERE IS A LOT THAT WE CAN DO-

Write about these details, and also: homes, schools churches & hospitals will need noise insulation and airconditioning, which the government and/or airlines must pay for (certainly not us property owners and tenants). The proposed 3rd Runway would not give maximum efficiency; indeed, it contributes little more than 10% extra capacity to KSA operations. Taxiing time increases to 32 minutes, over a distance of 5 km!

Badgery's Creek, staged development, offers far more capacity, increased terminal space, and hard standing for aircraft, for less cost.

The Third Runway would cause enormous environmental damage to densely-populated inner-Sydney.

The Government must enact its amendments to Cost Recovery Legislation before deciding the 3rd Runway.

Write to :

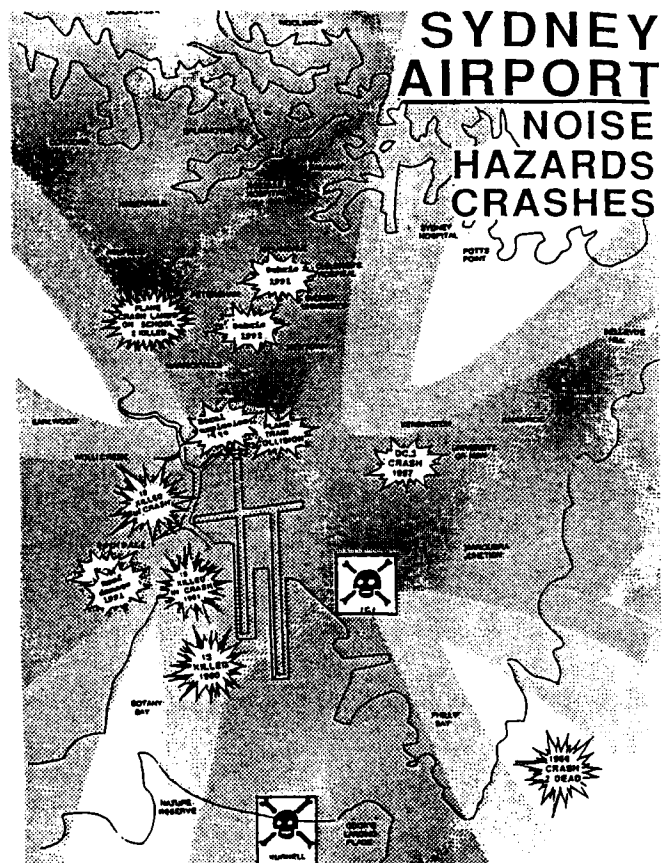
Hon. K. Beazley, MP, Minister for Transport & Communications,

Hon. R. Kelly, MP, Minister for Environment, Parliament House, Canberra. 2600.

Ring the office of Peter Baldwin, MP for Sydney, to express your concerns and request details of his actions to stop the Runway. 550 5877.

Please gather signatures on the enclosed petition and forward it to SSAC.

Ring Aircraft Noise Complains (all hours) 211 4570.



STOP PRESS

Release of final EIS on proposed 3rd Runway, 2nd October, 1991. SSAC crashed the official launch & forced a debate, thereby ensuring the Media understood the strength of opposition.

SSAC press release: "No significant element of the proposal has been changed and the FAC has yet to come clean on its long-term plans for the airport. Even the proposed downgrading of the east-west runway has not been altered despite the weight of evidence showing that this proposal will not be viable ... The FAC refuses to undertake such a proper cost-benefit analysis because it knows that this would blow its pet project, the third runway, out of the water".

Peter Baldwin MP, and Mayors of Botany, Marrickville and South Sydney Councils attended a SSAC meeting held on the night of the EIS release. They pledged their continued involvement. (ACT meets on 10.10.91).

Burwood Mayor John Fisk: "Being a small council the aldermen have felt reluctant in the past to spend money supporting the opponents of the third runway. But the majority of aldermen have given support through MPs and the Australian Mayors' Aviation Committee". Ashfield deputy Mayor Rae Jones: "...the government must realise that what is good for the FAC is not necessarily good for the rest of Australia." (Western Suburbs Courier 2.10.91).

THE EIS IS NOT THE FINAL DECISION.

**SSAC PUBLIC MEETING, LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, TUES 29th OCT, 7.30pm.
BE THERE!
BE THERE!**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 29th Oct, 7.30pm, Leichhardt Town Hall. SSAC Public Meeting on proposed Third Runway. Better cities, health, compensation, true costs, curfew. Four federal MPs will address the meeting, plus other highly-qualified speakers. We need to fill the hall to make our protest visible. Bring placards!

Tues 12th Nov, display and lobbying Federal MPs in Parliament House, Canberra.

EMERGING CAMPAIGNS

The "Living in Sydney" conference set outlines for the following issues:

- a. A Sydney-wide air pollution campaign -Total Environment Centre involvement.
- b. Decision Making, Democracy and Community Participation (consider the 3rd Runway debacle as an example).
- c. Local Government networking.
- d. An Alternative Development Plan for Sydney.

Contact Tanya Richie: 267 6820.

Alison McKeown.
Convenor. 660 3917.



GLEBE YOUTH CENTRE

The Glebe Youth Centre at 51 Glebe Point Road first opened for the 1989/90 Christmas holidays. Despite very limited funding, the centre is continuing to work to make a permanent youth service in Glebe a reality. This has been, and continues to be, a struggle as funds to operate new services, such as the Youth Centre, remain frozen by the State Government.

For many local young people, however, the Youth Centre, in a renovated building provided by the Department of Housing, has become the place where they can mix with their friends and participate in activities. These include craft, mural painting, basketball, table tennis, pool, cooking, videos and, just recently, computer activities. Because there has been no funding for staff, the centre has only been open once a week on Wednesdays, 4-9pm. Horizons, an organisation of Glebe Uniting Church, has a part-time youth worker who runs the weekly evening at the centre, assisted by local volunteers.

With the State Government funding freeze carrying over into 1991, Leichhardt Council has given a 'one-off' donation to the Youth Centre to employ a part-time worker 15 hours a week to help keep the centre going. Mr Brad Roberts, the new worker, will run activities and outings with Horizons during the school holidays and hopes to increase the centre's opening hours for an extra afternoon a week. A project young people are working on is an indoor mural and, with a 'youth committee', Brad hopes to develop a Youth Centre newsletter.

Providing different activities at the centre has also been possible because of support from the Glebe community. Financial donations from the Glebe Society, from Glebe Markets, and from individuals in the area has helped to purchase extra equipment. The Youth Centre management committee is thankful for these contributions and this interest and support is vital for the survival of the centre and must be sustained. The Youth Centre is an excellent facility but without any staff to work with young people developing long term programs and activities, it will not reach its full potential. Most importantly, the local young people for whom the centre was provided will not have the chance to use it fully.

At present a Helping Early School Leavers Program is operating at the centre. This is a short term program assisting young unemployed people with literacy, numeracy and job-seeking skills. The program is working with about 15 young people several days a week.

The Glebe community has worked for several years to establish a Youth Centre. The management committee is continuing to lobby the State Government for adequate staffing to run the centre properly and to provide recreational activities, support and assistance to local young people. It is quite likely, however, that government funds will remain frozen for a couple of years. Continued community support is therefore very important to maintain the service. Any residents or groups in Glebe who would like to become involved or assist with the centre are encouraged to contact Mr Brad Roberts on 552 2873.

COMING EVENTS

INNER SYDNEY INTERCHANGE: The Inner Sydney Regional Council is holding a seminar for government planners, local government, community workers and residents to allow an exchange of information and views on the future for lower-income residents in the inner Sydney area. This will be held at the Waverley Council Chambers on Friday 25 October. For information and registration call Marg Barry on 698 7461.

GREEN ECONOMICS: The Australian Conservation Foundation is holding a public meeting to discuss ways in which economic objectives can be reconciled with environmental goals at the Hallstrom Theatre, Australian Museum, on Tuesday 29 October at 7 pm. How can we turn from rampant consumerism and global destruction and create a conserver society? What forms could the new economy take? Speakers include Assoc. Prof. Frank Stilwell of the Sydney University Economics department, Shann Turnbull, a businessman and author, and Philip Sutton from the Victorian Office of Environment.

FOLK ART: The Folk Art Group is having an exhibition at Wychwood House, Avenue Road, Glebe Point, on 29 November. For more information contact Mrs Rivett, 17 Wigram Road (660 0847).

THE CORNER SHOP

The corner shop accompanied subdivision of the Glebe estates. The number of these shops had grown steadily from 7 in 1861 to 17 in 1869, but by 1895 there were no less than 58 of them in Glebe, distributed throughout the municipality, except on the Toxteth estate where covenants on title prohibited any retail use.

The corner shop played an integral part in the pattern of domestic retailing, providing foodstuffs to customers who generally lived in close proximity, perhaps within a radius of 150 metres. An unfamiliar face who had abandoned her normal store because an item was out of stock received a cold reception from another storekeeper. The straying shopper would be served last, often be told 'we don't have any', or be assailed with such comments as 'you don't normally shop here'

A network of day-to-day relationships developed around the corner store, a meeting place to exchange news and gossip and to maintain lines of communication within the suburb.

In 1931 there were 55 corner stores in Glebe, giving each shopkeeper about 371 people to serve, and twelve of the proprietors were women:

Mrs A. V. Robinson
187 Glebe Road

Mrs Ellen Corrigan
189 Glebe Road

Mrs Mary Morier
55 Glebe Street

Mrs R. Walters
76 Bridge Road

Miss A. Barling
52 Mitchell Street

Mrs A. Aggett
199 St Johns Road

Mrs M. Bauer
62 Cowper Street

Mrs E. Ramus
1 Arundel Street

Mrs Ethel Virgin
20 Phillip Street

Miss M. White
2 Cross Street

In the struggle for solvency, corner shop economics demanded a wily system of trading. Shopkeepers looked after their tick customers; it was all very parochial. A wife (never a husband) would apply humbly for a tick on behalf of her family, and if after careful assessment of their honesty, class standing and financial resources, they passed the test, a credit limit of not more than 5/- worth of foodstuffs in any one week was fixed, with all the fancy provisions such as biscuits and boiled ham proscribed. A tick book honoured each week became an emblem of integrity and a bulwark against hard times. Those shopkeepers who were not astute judges of character, or were simply too kind-hearted, often ended up in the small debts court.

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MONDAY GROUP

The Monday Group is planning a trip to Palm Beach on 21 October, leaving Wynyard at 11am and having lunch at Palm Beach. Please contact Sally Nelson (660 6138) or Katherine Buck 660 2879).

The last meeting for the year, on 18 November, will be the Christmas Lunch, 12 noon at Sally Nelson's house, 1 Allen Street, Glebe Point.

DINING OUT

This month we are dining at La Tavolaccia, 355 Glebe Point Road on Tuesday 22 October. Please phone Jeanette Knox by 20 October to make bookings. Next month we plan to go to Rose Blues at 23 Glebe Point Road.

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

Sunday 13 October - 11am - Happy Hour at
14 Toxteth Road (Merle Larcombe's home)

Wednesday 16 October - 7.30pm - Committee
meeting at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street

Monday 21 October - 11.00am - Monday
Group - Wynyard for trip to Palm Beach

Tuesday 22 October - 6.30pm - Dining Out
at La Tavolaccia, 355 Glebe Point Road

Wednesday 13 November - 6.30pm - Dining
Out at Rose Blues, 23 Glebe Point Road

Monday 18 November - 12.00 noon - Monday
Group Christmas lunch at Sally Nelson's
house, 1 Allen Street, Glebe Point

Wednesday 20 November - 7.30pm - Committee
meeting at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street



**GLEBE POINT ROAD PROJECT REPRESENT-
ATIVES:**

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

CONVENORS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

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

BAYS AND FORESHORES

John Buckingham - 660 7780

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK

Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

DIGGERS MEMORIAL

Bill Nelson - 660 6138

ENVIRONMENT

Fiona Campbell - 891 8284(W)

HAROLD PARK

Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

JUBILEE PARK

Tony Larkum - 660 7030

KINGSFORD SMITH AIRPORT & GLEBE

Alison McKeown - 660 3917

LIGHT RAIL

John Hoddinott - 692 0071

PLANNING

Peter Strickland - 660 7624

TRAFFIC

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

WENTWORTH PARK

Christine Stewart - 660 8324

ARCHIVIST

Lyn Milton - 660 7930

THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: to be announced

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT: Marianne
von Knobelsdorff - 692 0916

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT:
Cynthia Jones - 660 2451

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:
Andrew Wood - 660 2194

SECRETARY: vacant

TREASURER: Edwina Doe - 660 7066(h)
- 922 3877(w)

COMMITTEE:

Jeanette Knox - 660 7781
Mavis McCarthy - 660 5119
Ted McKeown - 660 3917
Peter Strickland - 660 7624
Christine Whittemore - 660 7969

BULLETIN EDITOR: Jeremy Long - 692 8742

MEMBERSHIP LIST:
Patricia Jackson - 660 8849

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 each. Student or
pensioner - \$8.00. Institutional - \$28.00

For information write to PO Box 100 Glebe,
or ring Sue Littleton on 660 5610.