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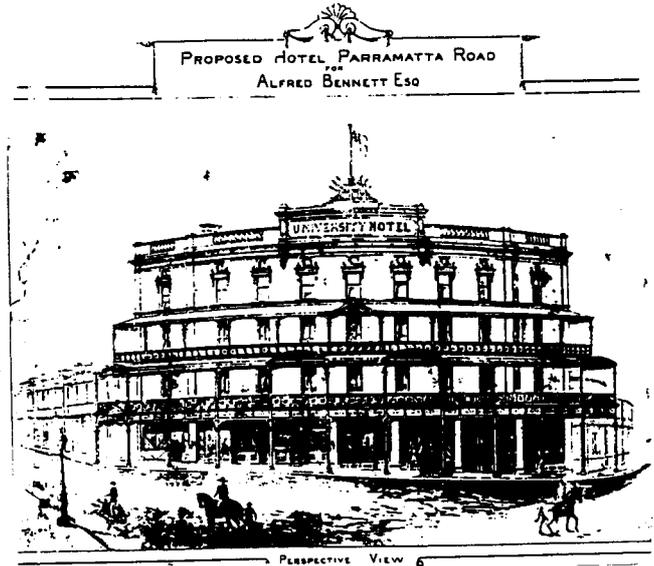
Ted McKeown

Now that the Bicentennial Park is a reality, the Society's attention as regards the foreshores of Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays has switched to making all of those foreshores available to residents. Our ambition is to achieve a situation where, in the not too distant future, you will be able to walk or ride your bicycle along the foreshores all the way from the head of Rozelle Bay to Glebe High School.

In the circumstances it has been decided to disband Tony Larkum's Jubilee Park sub-committee and Bob Armstrong's Waterfront Park sub-committee. Instead, John Buckingham will convene a new "super" sub-committee to deal with the bays and foreshores as a whole. He will, of course, continue to call on Tony and Bob, as well as many other interested members, in order to make this dream a reality.

At its recent meeting, the Management Committee passed a vote of thanks to Tony Larkum and Bob Armstrong for their years of service as sub-committee convenors.

If any members are interested in helping on this project, please phone John Buckingham on 660 7780.



REGULAR MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Ted McKeown

The Haven Inn, on the corner of Glebe Pt.Rd. & Wigram Rd., may not be a heritage landmark, but it is a very convenient meeting place. We are very grateful to the proprietor, Andrew Clarke, for making available a first floor room with a balcony overlooking Glebe Pt.Rd. for our regular members' get-togethers.

Come along on the first Monday of each month from 6.00 to 8.00pm, and enjoy a drink and a chat with your fellow members. This is your chance to make the issues which affect you as Glebe residents known to the members of the management committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the inaugural get-together at 6.00pm on Monday, 6th April.

University Hotel: A large 'For Sale' sign has appeared on the front of the University Hotel building which recently had its open windows boarded up. It seems that the present owners will not be able to finance their proposed redevelopment. We will need to convince the new owner to carry out the restoration work that will return this true landmark building to its former glory and incorporate more sympathetic construction in the vacant car park at the side. The saving of heritage quality internal spaces is also a priority.

Restoration of the Jubilee Fountain will further enhance this corner - Leichhardt Council has submitted an application for a dollar for dollar heritage grant to enable this work to be done. But what place does a large RTA sign for Parramatta Road motorists have in such an important location? Any other structure so close and so dominating near an 'item of the environmental heritage' would need to be assessed and gain planning approval before work starts. Approaches are being made to the RTA by the traffic sub-committee to get this monstrosity moved (if needed at all).

Roller Door in Ferry Road: A minor structure can have a devastating impact on the streetscape and this is the case with an amateur built roller door in front of a Federation carriage archway in a prominent position in Ferry Road. A building application was submitted to Council after the work was done and an objection has been lodged with Council seeking removal of this roller door.

Single Storey Terraces in St Johns Road: Council is considering an application to add a second storey to two adjoining houses at the Reuss Street Corner. These houses now present a single storey Victorian facade to St Johns Road. In other areas our objections to upper level extensions have been based on the impact on predominantly single storey streetscapes - for example Allen Street. In St Johns Road there is great diversity of building height and size. Should this diversity be retained and how important is the maintenance of the original character of the area?

Bridge Road Flats Conversion: A coat of paint and a new, sympathetic front fence has made an outstanding improvement to a 1960s red brick block of flats in Bridge Road. It shows what can be done to buildings that might otherwise be seen to be totally out of character in Glebe. Are there other buildings where similar

improvements can be made - preferably for the benefit of existing tenants and owners?

Garages and Rear Lane Developments: When a rear lane has back blocks on both sides, a degree of flexibility in design standards may be acceptable but is that so when the rear lane backs onto public open space as is the case around St James Park? A succession of uncoordinated brick garages has appeared that do nothing for the local environment. The same question applies to rear developments backing onto the John Street Park. Is it reasonable to expect visual quality in structures visible from public open space?

Sharing the Planning Task: A network of people interested in maintaining and improving the heritage quality of Glebe is being formed. The planning task in the Society will be most effective if people from neighbourhood area can monitor and assess the impacts of developments in their own areas. Your contribution is encouraged and if you want to help please ring Peter Strickland or Christine Whittemore.



HOUSE INSPECTION - SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 1992

One of the Glebe Society's most popular events, held in alternate years, is the House Inspection.

Not only Glebe residents but also many people from all over Sydney have a rare opportunity to visit several of Glebe's public buildings and private houses.

The Committee needs help straightaway in two ways:

* volunteers for the sub-committee organising the Inspection

* Offers of houses or other premises for inspection - the Society provides 'minders' at every location to take care of your property.

Please phone Ted McKeown with all offers of help.

* Council notes with concern the unplanned acquisition of properties in Glebe by the University of Sydney, and suggests the University instruct its planning consultants, Conybeare and Morrison, to include all University-owned sites adjacent to its main campus in its recommendations, and to consult with the appropriate local government authority before making those recommendations.

* Council requests the Municipal Engineer to repair and conserve the stone, convict-built section of Cardigan Street, Glebe, and to consolidate it with the two adjacent sections of open space landscaped and donated to Council by the Department of Housing, together with the intervening section of laneway, to make one unified area of open space, excluding all traffic.

* Council requests the Municipal Engineer to update the Glebe Traffic Management Study and put up further recommendations for advertisement and debate by Council.

Council Committees: On Tuesday 10 March Council set in place its committee structure for 1992, subject to review after twelve months. A full list should appear in the next Leichhardt Leader.

I am not satisfied that the organisation and scope of the committees, or their leadership, is in the best interests of the Municipality as a whole. Members should note that Glebe is affected quite differently from other parts of the Municipality by decisions taken in these committees and that, if Glebe is not to be disadvantaged, members will need to make their influence on these committees felt.

I am the only alderman from Glebe and the only one who is up-to-date about issues affecting Glebe. Seven of the twelve aldermen are from the Balmain area and the actions of the State Government have ensured a disproportionate focus on Balmain. This preponderance can only be corrected with the strong support of Glebe residents, especially those such as Society members who are well informed about local issues.

Note: Council has provided me with a fax machine and answerphone, so members can leave a message by ringing my private phone number, 660 0208.

The Monday Group is so called because meetings are held on the third Monday of every month except December & January.

Its origins are almost as old as the Glebe Society itself. Kate Smith, vital and lovable leader and co-founder of the Glebe Society, wished to encourage women to get together in friendship and with a common purpose. She held informal gatherings in her own home for women who were at home during week days and particularly encouraged those living alone.

Kate was keen on handcraft and taught several members to crochet. For many years the Monday Group knitted and crocheted rugs, garments and toys which were donated to various charities, including The Elsie Women's Refuge, Sydney University Creche, & The Glebe Community Hospital.

The Monday Group now has 18 members in the regular list - three or four dating back to the early 1970s. They meet socially for lunch in each others' homes or have an occasional outing to places of interest. Our aim is to promote friendship and community spirit, to stimulate interest by personal conversation and discussion of local and wider issues.

Any member of the Glebe Society is welcome to come and join in.

In April, as the third Monday is Easter Monday, the Monday Group will meet on 13 April at the home of Mary Vargenau, 67/1409A Anzac Parade, Little Bay.

Inquiries to Katharine Buck 660 2879.

DINING OUT

Next month we are dining at the British Lion Hotel in St Johns Road, Forest Lodge, on Wednesday 8 April at 6.30pm.

Please phone Ian Edwards on 660 6406 a few days beforehand to make your bookings. New diners are always welcome.

LEICHHARDT BICYCLE USER GROUP

COMMENCING IN MARCH WE WILL BE HAVING A SOCIAL RIDE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. EACH RIDE WILL START AT MARKETOWN AT 9 A.M. AND DISTANCES WILL VARY BETWEEN 20KM AND 40KM. THE PACE WILL BE EASY BUT MOST RIDES YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RIDE FASTER AND OR FURTHER IF YOU WANT TO.

ALL WELCOME, ESPECIALLY NEW RIDERS, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER.

JUST TURN UP AT MARKETOWN AT 9.A.M ON THE DAY OR RING TREVOR BRIGGS [W] 210 3202 [H] 810 5354

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6 April - 6pm - Members Get-together
- The Haven Inn, cnr Glebe Point Road &
Wigram Road - See you there!

Wednesday 8 April - 6.30pm - Dining Out -
British Lion Hotel, St Johns Road, Forest
Lodge

Monday 13 April - 12 noon - Monday Group -
67/1409A Anzac Parade, Little Bay

Wednesday 15 April - 7.30pm - Committee
meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street
(Also deadline for Bulletin contributions)



THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS:

Ordinary \$22, Additional household members \$5
each, Student/Pensioner \$8, Institutional \$28.

Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037 or ring Sue
Littleton on 660 5610 for information.