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GLEBE DIGGERS' MEMORIAL: OPENING OF APPEAL

Bill Nelson

There is now ground for optimism that the once fine memorial to the Diggers who gave their lives in the Great War of 1914-1918 can be restored. Your committee has been successful in gaining approval of funding under the 1992/93 Heritage Assistance Program to a limit of \$13,800 on a dollar for dollar basis. That is, our appeal must raise at least \$13,800 in order to receive the Heritage Assistance grant.

The National Trust of Australia (NSW Division) has kindly given us important assistance by 'adopting' our appeal, so that it is now called the National Trust of Australia (NSW) Glebe Diggers' Memorial Restoration Appeal. An important result is that donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Our receipt forms are fully documented to this end.

A great deal of interest in the memorial restoration project has been shown in the community. Quotations from stonemasonry craftsmen, experienced in the memorials field, have been received. There is a final completion date for the project of 31 August 1993 or the Heritage Assistance grant will be lost.

The appeal fund is now open and our goal is to raise \$20,000. Donations and inquiries to me at 1 Allen Street, Glebe, 2037, phone 660 6138, or to Max Solling at 17 Avona Avenue, Glebe, phone 660 1160. We hope that all members of the Society will help by publicising the appeal and by responding generously.



THE GLEBE SOCIETY INCORPORATED - NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Followed by the Birthday Party)

Notice is hereby given that the 1992 Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society Incorporated will be held at the GLEBE ROWING CLUB, Ferry Road, Glebe at 11.30am on Sunday 20th September.

BUSINESS:

- To consider the reports of the President and the Convenors of the Sub-committees.
- To consider the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Financial Statement of the Society.
- To elect members of the Management Committee and other Committee members in place of those retiring.

A Nomination Form for Committee Members and a Proxy Form are enclosed.

The AGM will be followed by the Society's BIRTHDAY LUNCH at 1pm. All are welcome to stay.

\$22 per head, \$18 concession.

Ald. Neil Macindoe

The following motions that I proposed at the the 4 August Council meeting were passed:

* 1. That Council requests the Engineer and Town Planner to proceed with plans for the erection of the community notice board designed for the Glebe Point Road Project by the distinguished conservation architect and Glebe resident, Peter Tonkin, to be placed adjacent to Glebe Post Office at the corner of St Johns Road and Glebe Point Road.

2. That Council accepts the offer of the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre Co-ordinator, Rose Hogan, to be responsible for keeping the notices up to date.

* That Council requests the Town Clerk to pursue the licensing of the two smaller halls in Glebe Town Hall so that they can be used for a wider variety of functions or in conjunction with the main hall and the Municipal Engineer investigate the installation of noise reduction measures in the meeting rooms.

* 1. That Council immediately includes Glebe Island Bridge as an item of Environmental Heritage under Schedule 2 of LEP20.

2. That Council writes to the RTA expressing in strong terms its view that the bridge is of Australia-wide heritage significance and that because of changes since 1985 and 1988 there should be a new EIS that specifically addresses the need for a high level bridge in the future and also addresses the issue of the retention or demolition of the existing bridge.

3. That Council writes to Senator John Faulkner and the Hon. Peter Baldwin stating Council's repeated opposition to a high level bridge and the reasons for this opposition, requesting them to support the renegotiation of existing contracts so that a lower bridge can be built instead.

4. That Council writes to the NSW Heritage Council pointing out the current heritage listing of the bridge, Council's belief that its demolition should be the subject of an EIS, opposing demolition and press for the imposition of a Permanent Conservation Order on the bridge.

5. That Council seek world heritage listing of the existing Glebe Island Bridge through the National Estate and the Australian Ambassador to UNESCO, on the grounds listed by the RTA, National Trust and National Estate.

another resolution was lost:

* That Council directs the income from the sale of its terraces in Cardigan Street, Glebe, be put towards the completion of major projects within Glebe and Forest Lodge, namely the Cardigan Street Park and historic stone road, the consolidation of the Glebe Depot site, and the formation of the Orphan School Creek Park.

This was replaced with an amending motion:

* That the Cardigan Street Park and historic stone road, the consolidation of the Glebe Depot site and the formation of the Orphan School Creek Park be given high priority in Council's open space strategy.

When the Housing Committee met on 5 August I outlined the concept of a possible housing development on land now owned by the Department of Health/Camperdown Children's Hospital on Orphan School Creek. The Committee supported the idea and agreed that preliminary inquiries should be made and that members should visit the site and report their impressions at the next meeting.

At the Council meeting on 25 August four motions of mine were passed:

* Following the success of Council's Balmain Ferry ride, that Council should organise a train ride later this year along the goods line proposed for light rail use throughout the Municipality. Residents' groups will be invited to participate and the line claimed for the people's use.

* Council requests the Traffic Engineer to investigate means of improving the safety of pedestrian crossings throughout the Municipality, especially those that are used extensively at night.

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c.1910 view of Ancient Briton Hotel, corner Bridge Road

KSA & GLEBE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.

The campaign in opposition to the third runway proposal has completed another hard year's work. Second Sydney Airport Coalition held a series of highly successful public meetings in 1991, culminating in the University of Sydney Great Hall public meeting on 18th November. The Glebe Society was able to assist, leafleting Glebe with notices of each meeting as they occurred. SSAC simultaneously organised two lobbying trips to Parliament House, Canberra, in October and November (1991), with the purpose of informing politicians, at first hand, of the mistakes that will be put in place if the third runway proceeds. The EIS for the runway was stamped by the Minister for the Environment, Ms Kelly, hours after the second lobbying trip was completed when, in fact, a number of days is allowed for review. One quote from her department's report appears here:

"From a strictly environmental perspective (and mainly as a result of relative noise impacts) the proposed third runway with staged development of Badgerys Creek clearly could not be preferred over options such as directed international development at Badgerys Creek".

Ministers for Aviation, Senator Collins followed by Senator Cook, have called the EIS satisfactory and comprehensive despite a steady trickle of information raising considerable alarm at the environmental outcomes.

1992 saw a new Prime Minister at the helm, the departure of Senator Richardson from the portfolio of Transport & Communications, the Environmental Management Plan stage of the runway's development, SSAC economic and performance analyses of KSA and Badgerys Creek, the Municipal Councils' legal challenges (the first of which was dropped and the second moved to the High Court by the Federal Airports Corporation although the NSW Land & Environment Court had ruled that it was an appropriate matter for its consideration; the matter is to be heard in September), a contract let for construction of the runway and the commencement of Badgerys Creek airport development - perhaps. Still no satisfactory examination of the runway's economics has been produced by the proponents. Remarkably the media has not pounced on such eiry silence from the federal government on this very important aspect, although there is supposed to be enormous concern at the present state of the Australian economy.

Senator Cook brought forth **Federal Airports Corporation Regulations Statutory Rules 1992, No 255 29/7/92** -

- * allowing the FAC and the NSW Dept. of Planning to set the environmental standards in carrying out the works,
- * licence to carry out work "in spite of a law or a provision of a law of the State of NSW ... "and,
- * permitting work to be carried out "in a timely manner".

ACF, Greenpeace, politicians and groups were outraged that these regulations have been devised, in effect to avoid NSW environmental requirements. "The FAC now has no external control over its activities. The Federal Government's reputation on environmental management is now in tatters ..." Mr. Leadbitter, OceanWatch. NSW Democrat Senators will

be raising the issue in the Senate shortly.

Very recent news is that six Australian state's Attorneys General are supporting Botany Council in the High Court because of concerns for their jurisdictions.

The Industry Commission report on Intrastate Aviation, no:25, 17/7/92 is now available and it is evident just how important it was that the terms of reference included all airport activities. Seven findings and recommendations emerged. They are paraphrased and summarised here:

1. Economic regulation that occurs in some states in Australia, including NSW, is a major factor subject to government influence leading to inefficient resource use.
2. The institutional arrangements and operations of some government instrumentalities providing airport infrastructure, safety regulation and air navigation services impair the efficiency of providing services as well as efficiency of airport operators and aviation users generally.
3. To improve efficiency of intrastate aviation, state governments including NSW should abandon economic regulation, and support essential services by direct government subsidy.
4. The FAC should improve airport efficiency, providing airport infrastructure and related services by looking at the real rate of return on assets required to perform its functions, value airport land and other assets reflecting the greater of either value of assets in their current use or their highest valued alternative use (less certain items), and it should be fully compensated by direct payment for complying with ministerial directions including policy matters. Airports should, in time, recover all costs and meet a real rate of return. Airport activity should be subject to general provisions of the Trade Practices Act and the Prices Surveillance Act. Common access facilities should be provided at major airport terminals, where viable.
5. The commonwealth should transfer airport ownership and responsibility to local authorities to improve airport infrastructure and service delivery.
6. There are recommendations on safety and navigation. Cross subsidisation between users should be eliminated and charges should reflect the cost of services to different user groups.
7. The implementation of the Commission's recommendations would not significantly adversely affect the social or environmental considerations.

The recommendations have implications for KSA, the proposed third runway, development of Badgerys Creek airport and the FAC's operations. Furthermore, many of the recommendations are in agreement with SSAC's long-held views.

Citizens Airport Environment Association was incorporated this year and it has worked hard. It comprises groups opposed to the runway. The Glebe Society attended many CAEA meetings. CAEA's fundraising enabled investigation of legal avenues and hopefully an action will emerge, in which case further funds are sure to be needed. CAEA has been careful to be very economical in its work. Its **Curfew Watch** subcommittee has been very successful to date - the curfew

1992 Bays and Foreshores Report

hours are 11pm to 6am. People from all around the airport are reporting any infringements: there have been fewer incidents of late.

The Glebe Society was represented at countless meetings during the year, including those of Airport Coordinating Taskforce (combined Municipal Councils and community groups) and CAEA. Several street stalls were conducted in Glebe Pt. Rd, and the community's response has been very supportive. The Society wrote many letters to federal politicians. Representations have been made along with other groups to politicians. KSA & Glebe subcommittee meetings have been held. Regular reports were submitted to the Glebe Society Management Committee and articles to the Society's Bulletin. The Management Committee's support for the KSA & Glebe subcommittee is much appreciated.

Leichardt Council's assistance given to SSAC and CAEA in the past year is acknowledged with thanks and appreciation.

Thanks are warmly given to people who letterboxed and/or did other jobs throughout the year. It is very important that basic work gets done in campaigns.

Members may like a reminder that we have a political promise of no takeoffs to the north from the proposed third runway and that KSA's curfew will remain. What credibility can be given to first of these claims? How hard must we fight to maintain the second? Whilst Heathrow airport is now gearing up with plans for a very large terminal to handle planes of 95 metre wingspan, Australia's most significant airport destination - the Sydney region - is to have a third runway that is too expensive at a tiny, curfewed airport, and a new airport with a 1800 metre runway of taxiway strength, able to land planes only upto BAe 146.

Please note that Dr. John Goldberg's paper entitled "Environmental Impact Assessment: Need it be corrupt?" is to be presented at the ANZAAS conference in Brisbane on 17th September, 1992. He will also give a lecture at a closer venue at 2pm on 6th September (School of Architectural & Design Science, City Road, Darlington); one of the University of Sydney Open Day activities. The lecture is entitled "Aircraft Noise and School Teachers". Would you please notify people who may be interested in attending Dr. Goldberg's lecture.

Alison McKeown. Convenor.

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My 1991 Report focused on concerns about the generation of water traffic that three proposed wharves might lead to. None of the proposed wharves is likely to be developed in the immediate future:

no tender has been approved for
Venetia ;
the owners of the Cook Street
site are seeking to extend the
time allowed for their
court-approved development
proposal;
funds allocated for the Glebe Point
Road ferry wharf have been re-
directed.

Towards the end of 1991 The MSB developed a proposal for a marina on the northern shore of Rozelle Bay. Leichardt Council took the opportunity to include public discussion of this proposal into discussions concerning the entire bay/foreshores. To this end, an *ad hoc* public committee was established, and met monthly from November to April to consider all issues relevant to the bay and foreshores. One direct result of the formation of the committee was a call to the NSW Government to honour its 1988 election promise to hand over the Annandale land for Stage 2 of The Bicentennial Park. The land was formally handed to Council in May this year.

The ludicrously high Glebe Island Bridge is set to go ahead for the sake of one ship in the immediate future, and none in the longer run. No doubt other uses will be created for the bays to justify the height of the bridge.

Although we might express dismay at the method of tender and for the price received for Stride's, the sale has allowed for the two parts of Blackwattle Bay Park to be linked.

Our *Bays and Foreshores Policy* was completed in October last year. Although it was printed in full in *The Glebe Society Bulletin*, I'll ensure copies are available at the AGM for interested members.

John Buckingham, Convenor

REPORT FROM COUNCIL (Cont from P2)

* Grace Bros, Broadway, fulfills the function both of a shopping centre at the eastern end of the Municipality, as does Markettown at the western end, and a neighbourhood shopping centre for many residents of Glebe. Therefore Council requests the Town Clerk to write to Coles Myer asking them to increase their efforts to secure the continued use of the site for a regional shopping centre, pointing out its excellent access to public transport and large scale parking close to the CBD; and requesting them to keep at least the most heavily used section, the food hall, open until a suitable developer has been found.

* Council requests the Town Clerk to write to the Federal Treasurer requesting him to remove the sales tax on any locally produced goods made from recycled paper, and thus encourage the production and sale of these goods.

MUSIC IN GLEBE

Once again, the Society is indebted to Dr David McIntosh for arranging a concert in conjunction with the Society at St Scholastica's Chapel, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe on Sunday 15 November at 4pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Featured on the programme will be the Christchurch St Laurence Consort of Singers, conducted by Neil McEwan, as well as instrumental music.

The period from September to November is particularly rich in music in Glebe. In addition to the Glebe Society Concert on 15 November, make a note of the following concerts arranged by David McIntosh:

Saturday 26 September, 7.30pm: Margareta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street. A choral and instrumental concert by the Christchurch St Laurence Choir - \$40 per head including a sumptuous meal and drinks. For bookings phone 211 0560.

Other concerts to note are:

Sunday 10 October, 7.30 for 8pm: Margareta Cottage - "Inominata" - an 'a capella' group

Tuesday 3 November (in conjunction with WEA) - 6.15pm at St Scholastica's Chapel - Organ Recital - followed by

7.15pm at Margareta Cottage, David McIntosh playing the Dutch Chamber Organ and Natasha Rumiz - Violin.

Saturday 14 November, 7.30 for 8pm Margareta Cottage - a Musical Soiree.



DINING OUT

This month we are dining out at Cafe Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road, on Tuesday 15 September.

Please phone John Stander on 692 9927 to book a place, a few days beforehand.

MONDAY GROUP

We apologise for an error in the August Bulletin, in which we indicated that the meeting on 21 September would be in the common room at 12 Mount Vernon Street. This should have read 4 Mount Vernon Street.

Bring your own lunch as usual.

The October meeting will entail a ferry trip to Manly - details to be notified later.

All inquiries to Sally Nelson (660 6138).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 September - 6pm - Members Get-together - The Ancient Briton, cnr Bridge and Glebe Point Roads

Tuesday 15 September - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Cafe Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road

Wednesday 16 September - 7.30pm - Committee meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street. (Also deadline for Bulletin contributions)

Sunday 20 September - 11.30am - Annual General Meeting & Birthday Party lunch (1pm) - Glebe Rowing Club

Monday 21 September - 12 noon - Monday Group - 4 Mount Vernon Street (Common Room)

Monday 5 October - 6pm - Members Get-together - The Ancient Briton

Wednesday 14 October - 6.30pm - Dining Out - Thai Silk, 28 Glebe Point Road (BYO)



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.

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