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GLEBE DIGGERS' MEMORIAL RESTORATION APPEAL COMMITTEE

Bill Nelson

On 17 October at the site of the Diggers' Memorial, Mayor Larry Hand delivered a warm and encouraging speech before a gathering of some fifty local citizens and invited guests. At the conclusion of his speech the Mayor formally launched the Restoration Appeal and presented a cheque for \$2000 from Leichhardt Municipal Council to the Appeal Committee. Those present included Sandra Nori MP, Aldermen Neil Macindoe, Kath Hacking and Nick Masterman, Major General Sharp who delivered a thoughtful speech recalling the history of the times when the memorial was conceived, Mr Bert Wooden representing the State President of the RSL, and Ted McKeown, President of the Glebe Society.

After this meeting Leichhardt Council sent a note expressing appreciation and commending the committee on what has been achieved to date.

Since the launch of the appeal, Max Solling has spoken at a number of local gatherings including the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and Glebe Community Centre, and has provided information for Glebe and Sydney Rotary. Local citizens, notably Beau Olsen, have been helping to spread the word. The result is that there has been a slow but encouraging flow of donations. We need more people to decide to support the appeal for we must commit to a restoration contract by March 1993, in order to qualify for the Heritage Commission's dollar for dollar support.

Donations and fund raising support are earnestly sought. Please contact Max Solling, 17 Avona Avenue, Glebe or 660 1160 or Bill Nelson, 1 Allen Street, Glebe, or 660 6138.



STILL TIME TO BOOK FOR THE GLEBE SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 6 December at Lawson Hotel, Ultimo

Another booking slip enclosed

LOCAL WAR MEMORIALS

All are invited to an evening of talks and slides presented by local historian Max Solling at the Glebe Court House (cnr Talfourd Street & St Johns Road) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 December 1992. This evening's entertainment is part of the awareness campaign leading up to the restoration of the Glebe Diggers Memorial. A light supper and refreshments will be provided.

All donations gratefully accepted.
RSVP B.Olsen, 84 Mitchell Street, or phone 660 1160 or 660 3009 by 7 December 1992.

Ald. Neil Macindoe

Care of Street Trees : A large number of street trees were planted recently in Glebe, mainly due to the efforts of Fiona Campbell. Planting is now suspended until autumn. Members can help these youngsters survive and grow during the summer by watering, mulching, and creating those small gardens around them which so enliven the public thoroughfares with diversity of form and colour.

Glebe Youth: The Glebe Youth Centre recently received a State Government grant for the first time. Until now the Centre, at 51 Glebe Point Road, has been supported mainly by Council, with donations from groups such as the Society.

The work of the Centre is expanding. The teenagers themselves now help through a stall at Glebe Markets and they also participated in the Street Fair on 15 November. A Blue Light Disco held recently at Glebe High attracted 250 teenagers.

The large increase in the teenage population of Glebe has made the work of the Centre and other facilities for youth in Glebe vital, especially with continuing high levels of unemployment and the summer holidays coming up. Please give the Centre, its Director, Brad Roberts, and his committee your strongest support.

Asset Stripping: We are familiar with the State Government's proposed sale of assets in Glebe, such as the Homoeopathic Hospital and more recently the tram sheds near Harold Park. Now, however, despite my vehement opposition, the Balmain-dominated Council is attempting the same exercise. Council houses in Glebe have been sold and the money used elsewhere; the open space funds for Glebe were all used to purchase the AGL site in North Annandale; and on 17 November Council appropriated all Glebe's car parking contributions to buy a carpark in Rozelle.

Members should be alerted to this tendency to plunder and keep an eye on Glebe Branch

Library and the Alice Lamkin Centre behind the Valhalla, both Council-owned.

One Up, Three to Go: After one year on Council I feel very grateful for the strong support members have given me and the enthusiastic response of the Glebe community to the best of Council's initiatives. I wish you all an extremely happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Some of the motions I put to Council on 17 November:

* Council acknowledges that the best long-term solution to the need for additional parking in Glebe Point Road is the use of the Grace Bros carpark in conjunction with a shuttle service along Glebe Point Road, and requests the Municipal Town Planner to include this proposal in Council's Section 94 Plan. Until such a service is available, Council requests the Town Clerk to investigate more effective means of enforcing resident parking, such as the employment of suitably trained casual parking officers in the evenings and at weekends, as the Ordinance Inspectors are often required for other duties.

* Council recognises the valuable work of the Glebe Estate Gym in keeping the youth of the area fit and healthy. This in no way commits Council to the support of boxing as a sport. Therefore Council requests the Town Clerk to write to the Minister for Housing supporting the efforts of the Member for Port Jackson, Sandra Nori, to continue to provide the use of the Brelco Building for the use of the Gym.

* Pedestrian and cycle access to the local shops from the Meloy's site, Lombard Street, is hampered by the private ownership of a section of Lombard Lane. Such access would discourage the use of cars for shopping. Therefore Council requests the Town Clerk to seek to effect a right of way from Lombard Lane to the Meloy's site in order to improve this access.

Glebe & Western Weekly

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Historic cottage wrecked

AN historic Glebe building was demolished last week, despite the efforts of the Glebe Society to save it.

Leichhardt alderman Neil Macindoe said the cottage, near Glebe Point Rd and Ferry St, was one of the oldest buildings in Glebe.

It was among a group of three historic buildings and is believed to have been built in the 1840s.

Mr Macindoe said residents were

"let down" by the Land and Environment Court which approved the demolition of the cottage.

The NSW Heritage Council also ignored residents' requests for a conservation order to be placed on the building, according to Mr Macindoe.

He said the Heritage Council issued a stop-work order last week but it was too late to prevent damage.

The Citizens Airport Environment Association (Inc) raffle was successful, helping to pay for the Association's recent legal costs. No prize winners for Glebe this time, unfortunately! Thank you to everyone for your support.

The NSW Land & Environment Court decided that dredging for a port facility was being carried on and the FAC was doing the dredging for itself and for the third runway project, not for or on behalf of the MSB. The federal regulations (August '92) and contracts formed the basis to finding that the MSB's consent was not required to dredge the port. If it had been found to be the case, tough NSW environmental laws would then apply to dredging. CAEA is considering its position.

A letter recently published in the Australian Financial Review helps to give the broad picture. Reference is given to recent remarks about the competency of Australian governments, then the letter leads on to say -

"In 1987 TNT Ltd made a substantial five-year investment in freight aircraft which required a jet curfew at airports at which they operate to give them an advantage over competitors who are not equipped with such aircraft. The existing Sydney airport has such a curfew, a second airport would have no such restrictions.

In 1988 the incoming NSW State Government announced the "City West Urban Strategy" (300 ha of real-estate development) part of which incorporated the removal of port facilities from White Bay, Glebe Island and Pyrmont and their replacement with a major port extension at Port Botany. It is this port extension to which the FAC will carry out the excavation work if the third runway proceeds.

Many Sydney people have major concerns with regard to these developments, none of which has been answered by any government. The superiority of investment in a third runway at Sydney airport over commencement of the (inevitable) second airport has not been demonstrated. The financial and functional benefits of removing commercial shipping from a small section of one of the best harbours in the world for the purpose of real-estate development has not been demonstrated. Several departments within the NSW Public Service are aware of the evidence of significant heavy metal contamination of the very area of Botany Bay in which the port extension is to be located.

There is but one certainty in the whole process of State/federal government operation in this country - governments will never face the consequences of any breach of privilege they may make: time, or the electorate will see to that!" Dianne Hill. Paddington.

Changes to aircraft landing and take-off patterns announced on 20/11/92, would appear to be a separate issue from that of the proposed third runway. As the patterns were not those published in the EIS for the runway we can assume it to be a temporary arrangement. The question arises whether there is a link between this "respite" from aircraft noise and the coming Federal elections.

We can certainly say that CAEA's and SSAC's work over the past three years, and earlier work carried on by others, has assured us of knowing the full story on the runway, now.

RESTORING OLD HOUSES IN THE RECESSION

Former Glebe resident and Glebe Society member, Ian Evans, is arranging a seminar on Saturday 12 December 1992 designed to help people to avoid unnecessary expense in restoring old houses.

The seminar, 'A Roof over our Heads: restoring Old Houses in the Recession', will be held at Turner Hall, Sydney Technical College, Mary Ann Street, Ultimo, between 12.30pm and 5pm. It will be repeated next day, Sunday 13 December, at the same time and place.

Ian Evans has written several books on restoring old houses and has been involved in building restoration for many years. Other speakers will include Michael McCowage, a specialist in traditional colour schemes and restoration techniques; Steven Chard, an expert in traditional floor and joinery finishes; and Aliya Porter, an authority on curtains, blinds, fabrics and wallpapers for cottages, bungalows, terraces and mansions.

Admission to the seminar is \$35.00 or \$60.00 for tow. Afternoon tea is included. For bookings and further information call 747 6751

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Harold Park Paceway

Saturday 5 December 1992

6.30pm to 10pm

This is a fund raising event arranged by the Save Rozelle Bay Campaign and will feature a combined schools choir, several entertainers and the Leichhardt Municipal Band. Special guest for the evening will be June Bronhill, one of Australia's great ladies of opera.

The funds raised will be set aside in a trust account at Leichhardt Council for the turfing of the Bicentennial Park stage II.

Anyone interested in helping is invited to contact David Lawrence on 818 3514

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6 December - 11.30 for 12 noon -
Glebe Society Christmas Lunch - Lawson
Hotel, Bulwara Road, Ultimo

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

Wednesday 9 December - 7.30pm - Max Solling
- Glebe Court House, cnr Talfourd Street &
St Johns Road

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Wednesday 20 January - 7.30pm - Committee
Meeting - Lyndhurst, Darghan Street. (Also
deadline for Bulletin contributions)



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