



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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YOU ARE INVITED ... TO A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE GLEBE POINT ROAD STREET TREES

2 pm

Saturday 23 July

Glebe Town Hall, St Johns Road

chaired by: Jane Singleton

Stop Press!
Meeting postponed
to 20 August

Leichhardt Council has received submissions on the Glebe Point Road Street Tree Management Strategy including the one published in a recent Bulletin.

Council is now holding a public meeting to again consult with the Glebe community as to what we want, taking our comments on the Study into account.

A group of representatives from Council's Tree and Open Space Committee – including Andrew Clarke, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Councillor Neil MacIndoe and Glebe Society members – recently met to discuss how to arrange this public meeting.

■ Putting Questions to a Panel

We decided that as we are past the point of promoting the Study and are up to assessing the submissions made on it and deciding what we – as a community – want to be planted as a result of these submissions, we needed a panel to answer questions from the floor.

To be able to answer questions ranging from the technical suitability of submitted tree species and whether we may be able to plant in the carriageway or not, we thought a panel needed to include:

- Council's Chief Engineer, Peter Head
- the Study authors, represented by John Douglas
- landscape architects: to be represented by Paul Knox, of Knox and Tanner, and Christine Whittemore, a resident

- an architect: to be represented by Peter Tonkin, of Tonkin Zulaikha Harford, who is also a resident

■ When were we consulted?

There has been extensive community consultation on what we want to do with the street trees along Glebe Point Road: the Study authors have invited responses and comments, comments have been invited through the Bulletin as the Study was underway; Glebe Society members have been invited to a meeting to discuss a response to the Study and to make recommendations; Council has invited responses; the Tree and Open Space Committee has worked to promote awareness of the Study in the community; and Glebe Society members have also been invited on a bus tour with one of the authors of the Study to look at recommended species for replanting and discuss the Study's recommendations.

■ Where do we go from here ?

Many of the poplars are reaching the end of their lifespan. So far, the silence from most of the Glebe community when invited to contribute their ideas on the street trees has been deafening.

This is now a chance to review all the options and contribute to a decision on what we do want – and create a beautiful avenue of trees along one of Sydney's most charismatic streets.

Fiona Campbell.

Light Rail

In October 1992 it was announced that under the Building Better Cities Agreement, funds would be provided by the Commonwealth and State Governments to develop a light rail system from the colonnade of Central Railway Station via Hay Street, Darling Harbour, the casino and Pyrmont to the Fish Markets. A private company will, however, construct and operate the system.

A small number of companies (four or five) were invited to submit tenders for the light rail system. Tenders eventually closed on 2nd May 1994 and the proposals are now being studied by the Department of Transport. The capital works committee of State Cabinet will consider the applications on 22 June 1994 and it is expected that the Minister for Transport will announce the successful tenderer soon after this date.

The Glebe Society remains concerned about the financial viability of the currently proposed 3.8 km "mini" light rail system. Simply, the presently proposed system will not carry enough passengers to ensure that its operator receives a sufficient return on the capital invested. We are looking at a second "monorail disaster" where 12 million passengers annually were predicted at the time of construction, but the annual figure became about 4 million. The operator, TNT Harbourlink, has had to write down the value of the system by \$14 million and is reported to be prepared to demolish the Sydney monorail - "if someone else pays the bill."

There is still no proposal to extend the Ultimo-Pyrmont light rail system (as requested by the Glebe Society) either from the Fishmarkets to Glebe, Annandale and Leichhardt along the existing goods railway line, or from Central Railway Station to Circular Quay. In talking with a member of the Department of Transport, a westbound extension to Glebe may be considered by the State Government "in the future." Such an extension has been requested by most of the tenderers. An extension to the central business district and Circular Quay appears difficult as there will be a "clash with the State Transit Authority." So much for a coordinated public transport system for Sydney!

Once the successful tenderer is announced, it will be important for the Society to again demonstrate to the State Government the need for the Ultimo-Pyrmont light rail system to be made a financial success by ensuring it services both Glebe and the central business

district. Any members who would like to assist with the work of the Light Rail Subcommittee should contact Andrew Wood.

Andrew Wood

Aircraft and Glebe.



NOISE MANAGEMENT PLANS OUT NOW. WE MUST ACT. NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY. RESPONSES ARE URGENT. ALERT YOUR NEIGHBOURS and INNER-CITY FRIENDS. A PLANE EVERY 4 MINUTES.

Draft 'Noise and Air Quality Management' plans for Kingsford Smith (Sydney) Airport operations, including the third runway, have finally been released by the Federal Airports Corporation. The community has until 12th August to review and submit comments. The FAC has a display at Leichhardt Council's Wetherill St Administrative Centre in Leichhardt. Council is setting up a display with the Community's dissenting report beside the FAC stand. Leichhardt Council is considering ways of distributing copies of the Community Advisory Committee's Dissenting Views report.

Marrickville Council set up a telephone hotline from 1st to 8th July and published its letter to the Federal Minister for Transport, the Hon. Laurie Brereton, in the Sydney Morning Herald on 1/6/94. The Council's letter called for justice, for an independent body to administer noise issues, for the curfew to be protected by legislation, for Australian Standard 2021 1994 (Acoustics, Aircraft Noise Intrusion, Buildings Siting and

Construction) as the basis for the noise management plan, for some financial assistance for the preparation of a response and for a meeting with the Minister.

Do you want a copy of the Federal Airports Corporation documentation?

You can ring the FAC for a summary of the plans. The same telephone number as that for "Noise Complaints/Curfew" can be used: 667 9050.

or,

you can contact Mitchell McCotter Pty Ltd PO Box 943, Crows Nest 2065. tel: 0800 060 165.

But the community's dissenting report will not be distributed in this manner by the FAC. You would need to send a cheque for \$25.00 to the above mentioned firm for technical papers (volume two) that include the dissenting report from the Community Advisory Committee.

Public reaction to date is that not enough houses will be resumed, too few will be insulated against aircraft noise and that schools between 25-30 ANEF contour will not be adequately treated or stand to be ignored - it would cost about \$10 million more to provide all the required school insulation in that contour zone.

Conflict with the Hotel. Yes, of course the hotel just north of Kingsford Smith Airport is in the way of the third runway's approach from the north (do you remember that recent media story?)

But not only is the hotel flown-over, aircraft will make a final descent to the third runway over terminal buildings where people will be congregated (as they do at airports). This is not best-practice airport planning.

The Heliport Issue.

30,000 litres of helicopter fuel stored in 200 litre drums, on the wharf, alongside the casino, given approval in the draft guidelines for the Pyrmont heliport! ICFCAG Inc* raises concern about fuel spills and explosive potential stemming from this proposed arrangement. The amount of fuel in question is about 24 tonnes and is the amount carried by some petrol tankers on the roads. Details of a computer analysis of a crash at the heliport and the potential for a subsequent catastrophic fire including bulk fuel storage have been sent by ICFCAG to NSW Transport Minister Baird, other ministers and to interested groups. One of the conditions of approval for the heliport

given by Commissioner Simpson is that the Helicopter Association of Australia complies with the National Fire Protection Standard 418. However the deputy Premier and Minister for Ports, Ian Armstrong, has stated in correspondence that fire safety standards would be reviewed in the light of "cost effectiveness".

ICFCAG understands that the operators of the heliport would not be required to insure for Public Liability. The NSW Government Insurance requirements for the Helicopter Association of Australia are understood to be that coverage against risk of impact is not required, nor has there been any mention of a minimum insurance requirement. A policy worth \$1 could comply with the heliport guidelines. The City West Development Corporation nominated the Insurance Council of Australia for insurance purposes regarding the heliport but that Council is a trade association representing companies, not an insurer as such.

There was no further news about noise pollution approval from the EPA, which had been expected to be granted last February.

*** Inner City and Foreshores Community Action Group Incorporated. Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 18th July 1994, Committee Room (ground floor, at the side of the building), Balmain Town Hall.**

Alison McKeown

Vehicle Emissions

Following an article in the *New Scientist* (12 March 1994) about death rates and motor vehicle emissions, the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the Coalition for Urban Transport Sanity have prepared a postcard for mailing to Mr Bruce Baird, Minister for Transport, urging him to reconsider the State Government's rejection of urban rail initiatives and its ill-founded support for urban road expansion.

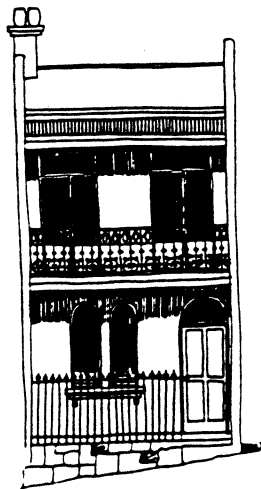
Please use the enclosed postcard to send your message to Mr Baird.

Jeanette Knox

New bus route for Glebe

A new bus route which links Glebe to Leichhardt Marketplace commenced in May. The route starts near the Post Office, does a loop of Wentworth Park and leaves Glebe via Glebe Point Road and Wigram Road. The route proceeds to Marketplace via Annandale and Lilyfield. It is a weekday service, running every hour. Timetables with the full route are available from State Transit.

11th Inspection of Historic Glebe



The 1994 Inspection of Historic Glebe Sub-Committee has met several times and begun to organise the major fund-raiser for the Society on **Sunday 6 November 1994**. Please note this date in your diary and think of family and friends who might like to join those of us who appreciate the heritage and diversity of our precious suburb.

The Committee members are listed below and can be contacted about any aspect of this year's Inspection:

Ian Edwards	660 3240
Cynthia Jones (Convenor)	660 2451
Lyn Milton	660 7930
Christine Whittemore	660 7969
Betty Wright	660 1875

We are hoping for a bright blue-skied November Sunday, rather than the downpour we experienced two years ago.

At this time, we would welcome and encourage volunteers who will consider opening their homes for inspection. So that we can show the character and diversity of Glebe, we would be pleased to have offers of residences still in the process of restoration as

well as those completed and those not yet begun. We would also be particularly pleased to show to the public some restored residences in the Glebe Estate.

We are also seeking house "minders" from Society members, since it is very important that their attendance reassures house-openers that their property is safe. We are proud to say that in the previous ten inspections we have never experienced any disturbing incident of any kind and wish to reiterate to potential house-openers that their property will be carefully monitored and that they need not anticipate problems, given our exemplary record. Our visitors to Glebe are usually drawn from groups of history buffs, National Trust members and local societies like ours.

As in the last inspection, the NSW College of Nursing in Hereford Street will serve as our ticket sales and information base and the College will also provide teas and a lunchtime sausage sizzle at moderate cost. Their grounds are also available for those who wish to picnic.

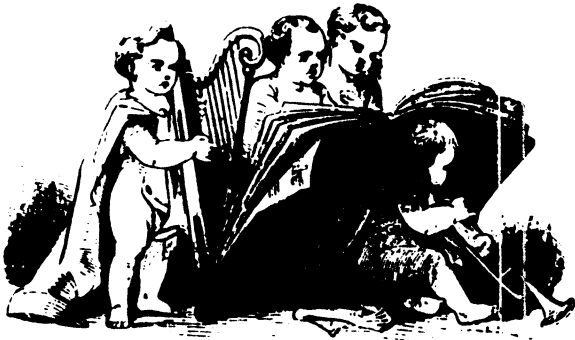
An interesting alternative lunchtime venue this year will be Darling Mills Restaurant, centrally located at Glebe Point Road and St. Johns Road. It is proposed that an "antipasto and glass of wine lunch" be available for our visitors at the cost of \$10.00. For the first time, Darling Mills' multi-level complex, from greenhouse to cellar, will be open for inspection by our visitors, whether they are lunching or not, and they will be able to access one of the more unique buildings in Sydney.

As the day rolls along, afternoon tea will be served nearby at St. Johns Church and visitors will be able to hear a free organ recital by Herbert Woodhouse on the newly-restored Foster & Andrews organ, one of the few in Australia, which was originally installed in 1884.

We wish to urge our members to gather as many people as possible to stroll around historic Glebe and experience the conservation area in which we reside.

Cynthia Jones

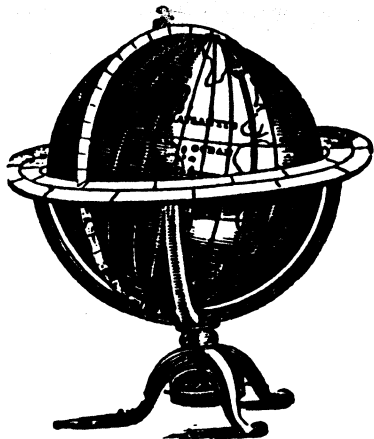
1994 Glebe Music Festival



In past years the Glebe Music Festival has been organised by David McIntosh, with many of the concerts being held at his magnificent house, *Margaretta Cottage*. David has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship and is currently working in London.

Andrew Wood is filling-in for David and has been appointed Convenor of the Glebe Music Festival Sub-Committee. Cynthia Jones is also a member of this Sub-Committee and any other members who would like to help organise the Festival should contact Andrew or Cynthia, whose phone numbers are on the back of each Bulletin.

The Music Festival is usually held around the time of the Society's Inspection of Historic Glebe, which is November 6 this year, and the free organ recital at St. Johns Anglican Church on that date will be the first in what may well become a series of musical events, details of which will be published in future Bulletins as the dates are confirmed.



Leichhardt Historical Journal

Issue No.18 of *The Leichhardt Historical Journal* has recently been published. It includes an article by Max Solling "Methodism in Glebe, 1843 - 1977."

The Leichhardt Historical Journal was founded in 1971 and it is a voluntary, non-profit organisation dedicated to publishing research on local history within the Municipality of Leichhardt. Money recouped from sales helps to cover publication costs.

The price of this issue of the Journal is \$15. Members who would like to support the Journal by purchasing a copy, please contact Jeanette Know (660 7781), who will arrange to obtain and supply copies on request.

Society Policies

At the last Management Committee meeting it was agreed that it would be helpful if the Society had more of its policies formally spelt out in documents. Written policies have already been prepared for: Bays and Foreshores, Light Rail and the Third Runway. These were published in the Bulletin at the time of their preparation, so that members had the opportunity to comment on the policies generally or about particular details.

It has, therefore, been decided that all subcommittee convenors be asked to prepare a draft statement of policy for their own area of interest, so that it can be disseminated through the Bulletin and members' comments can be taken into account. If you have any thoughts or views about a particular sub-committee's activities, please contact the convenor.

Other topics mentioned as possibly needing to have policies prepared for them were: social policy; the permanent/transient population mix; Government services; specific sites (e.g. Homeopathic Hospital, Bidura, Fink's, Bellevue, etc.). Please let us have your views.

Jeanette Knox

Dining Out

For 'Dining Out' enquiries, please ring Ian Edwards on 817 4329.

For Your Diary

Wednesday 20 July - 7:30 pm - monthly meeting of the Glebe Society Management Committee, held at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street, Glebe.

Sunday 6 November - Glebe Society House Inspection and Open Day

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Costs: Ordinary \$25; additional household members \$5 each;
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