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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Inc. will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday afternoon, 28 August, in the Darling Mills Restaurant, 134 Glebe Point Road.

The business of the meeting will include the election of office bearers for 1994/95, and a nomination form is enclosed with this Bulletin.

Following the meeting, at approximately 5pm, cheese and fruit will be served, and, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Society, a birthday cake will be cut. We will be asking foundation members of the Society to do the honours in blowing out the candles, and we would urge you to join us if you possibly can. We are delighted that the foundation President of the Society, Bernard Smith, will be able to be present.

A cash bar will be open for drinks so that members may make their own choice of festive tipples. Should any members wish to stay on for dinner at Darling Mills, please book direct.

Important Reminder! Public Meeting on the Glebe Point Road Trees - Saturday 20 August

As explained in the front page story in last month's bulletin, a public meeting to consult with the people of Glebe on the Glebe Point Road trees will be held at Glebe Town Hall on 20 August.

It is important that as many people as possible attend to give Council a true indication of the feeling of Glebe people on this important issue.

Put it in your diary NOW!

Subscription Renewals due Now

1994 - 5 subscriptions are due now. A renewal notice is enclosed in this bulletin. Please send your renewals to PO Box 100, Glebe, or leave with the Treasurer, Edwina Doe.

Remember that to be eligible to vote at the AGM you must be financial. You will be able to pay on the day.

Ann Disher

Friends and colleagues from the Society will be sorry to hear of the death of Anne Disher on 3 August. Anne served as Treasurer of the Society for several years, and was a very constant supporter of the Dining Group until ill-health forced her to leave Glebe.

Anne was a lively personality, a great raconteur, and a very generous supporter of the Society on numerous occasions. She knew Glebe as a child as her grandparents, aunts and uncles lived here. She moved to Glebe for her retirement and lived for many years in St John's Village, where she encouraged her fellow residents to participate in Society activities and interests, and where she was also a most generous supporter of the Church. Appropriately, her funeral service was held at St John's church on 8 August.

Anne has been missed since she left Glebe, and will now be even more so.

Sub-committee Reports

Reports from the sub-committees for the Annual General Meeting are published on the next three pages. Please bring the Bulletin with you to the AGM and raise any questions with the sub-committee members. These reports will not be read again at the meeting

Traffic Sub-committee

The major activities of the past year have been the preparation of a response to the State Government's "Integrated Transport Strategy for Greater Sydney" and support with the Society's submission to the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructures: Sydney 2000 Olympics Inquiry. While the latter concentrated mainly on airport issues, it did provide an opportunity to press for improved ground transport also. Together with Alison McKeown, I attended a public hearing of the Committee earlier this year.

The State Government acknowledged our submission on the integrated transport strategy, but to what extent our views will be taken into account still remains to be seen. The public statements of the Minister for Transport are not encouraging for the prospect of improved transport systems, apart from that of the private car - and freight trucks!

Leichhardt Council's Traffic and Transport Policy Committee changed its name during the year to Transport Policy Committee, and I have attended most of its meetings. Because of the workload of the Traffic Engineer's Department, progress has been slow in the development of a traffic management plan for the Leichhardt Municipality and in the preparation of the Transport issue paper for the new Town Plan. It is hoped that the appointment of a new staff member will see action in both these areas in the near future.

The Society would like to see traffic strategies developed to take advantage of the opening of the new Glebe Island Bridge by planning for traffic calming measures to be put into operation at that point. The Society has also consistently encouraged Council to press the State Government for improved public transport services in order to reduce the demands for private transport. The inner city, if anywhere, is a place where public transport is viable and essential. There are substantial residential development pressures both in Glebe and in the Municipality as a whole, and

the consequential increase in traffic is a major problem. Reliable, frequent and effective public transport would be one means of minimising these impacts.

Jeanette Knox

Environment Sub-committee

The main issues for the Environment committee centred on responding to the Council's Environment Strategy and consulting with members on the Glebe Point Road tree planting.

Fiona Campbell

Children in Glebe

The committee had its first full year of operation in 1993/4. One of the major concerns has been the provision of children's play equipment and recreational facilities for children.

After a long campaign by local parents, Leichhardt Council installed the first stage of upgraded equipment in Jubilee Park in August.

The sub-committee organised a meeting with the Mayor, attended by ten parents and numerous children on one of the wettest days of the year. As a result, the second stage of play equipment is expected to be installed this year.

The sub-committee also attended consultations held by the Save Rozelle Bay Committee and organised a consultation with a group of local children of varying ages on their ideas of what they needed in a park. Basketball facilities were top on the list.

An issue of future concern is the provision of child care places in Glebe. Both Toxteth Road Kindergarten and The Sydney College of Arts Child Care Centres are threatened by closure. Their loss would greatly reduce the number of child care places available in Glebe. The sub-committee has attended meetings about the closure of these centres and are campaigning for them to be kept open or substituted by new care facilities.

Another issue is the movement of the Children's Hospital to Westmead, beginning next year. CHAHS is currently considering alternative provisions.

**Louise Schweikert &
Genny Kang**

Bays & Foreshores

This report is intended to bring members up-to-date on some of the more contentious sites.

29 Cook Street

We opposed the proposed 24 unit 3.5 storey development, and provided witnesses in court to support Council's rejection.

The Land and Environment Court approved the development. We gained one significant concession (the foreshore strip being passed to Council) and some minor ones relating to the appearance of the building.

Bellevue/Venetia

We oppose the proposed restaurant and have suggested an alternative use of the building (kiosk, public toilets, park equipment storage, local environment museum). Another proposal from a private citizen is that he lease it from Council, restore it and use it as a private home (with designated "open days"). Although the DA for the restaurant has lapsed, Council has a problem in that it has signed a lease with the restaurateur.

Stride's Yard

(Given the restoration of the heritage buildings, we might have to refine the common nomenclature here). The present problem relates to the smaller houses at the front of the heritage buildings. A proposal to demolish them has been rejected by Council, but the owner has appealed to The Land and Environment Court. While there is concern about the loss of housing stock, the real concern relates to what might replace them.

Harbour Lighterage

Like 29 Cook, no work has started on this proposed residential development site as yet, but the building work and the subsequent development will have a significant impact on this area of Glebe.

Hardie's/Fink's

As I reported last year development work has continued to go on in these buildings without Development Approval. The locals have been vigilant in keeping records on the changes. Based on a damaging fire report, Council served notice on tenants to quit. At a meeting between the owner and local residents convened by Council, the owner promised to submit a DA for the entire site within six weeks. Although that time has long since elapsed, I have heard of no such DA being submitted.

Bicentennial Park Stage 2

Despite all my gloom about the sites above, members must be elated that work has begun

on stage 2 of the Bicentennial Park. Lack of Council funds means progress must necessarily be slow, but members can get a sense of the finished product from the plans displayed in the park. In line with the invitation for comment, The Glebe Society made a submission suggesting minor changes to the plan, but I think all members will agree that such is the quality of the plan that all those involved in its formulation deserve our heartiest congratulations. While it would be odious to list individuals, particularly if I missed some, we should congratulate Leichhardt Council, the Save Rozelle Bay campaign and the corporation that is donating its equipment and labour.

John Buckingham

Glebe Diggers Memorial

Stage 1 of the Glebe Diggers Memorial restoration project has been completed. The major items undertaken in this stage were:

- a) Sculpting, moulding and fixing of busts of Soldier & Sailor;
- b) Pedestal for one of above;
- c) Upper works on memorial - cleaning, repointing & repair;
- d) Remainder of four sides or faces of memorial structure - repointing & repair.

The first stage received a dollar for dollar heritage grant under the NSW Heritage Assistance Program but our application for a further grant for stage 2 has not been successful.

Stage 2 of the project involves:

- 1) Restoration of the Angel;
- 2) Restoration of interior of memorial and marble name plates;
- 3) Re-decoration of orb on summit.

The estimated cost of stage 2 of the project is \$12 000. Dr Bill Nelson did an outstanding job as Chairman and Treasurer of the Committee and Bill's energy and industry are sorely missed.

This granite and marble mausoleum is not only a very significant local monument to an earlier generation Glebe residents (174 in all) who died on foreign battlefields, but it is recognised as the only monument of its kind in Australia.

Correspondence

The following two items of correspondence have recently been sent to Council by the Society.

Bicentennial Park Stage 2

Congratulations to all concerned in the development of the plans for Stage 2 of the Bicentennial Park. Should they be used as the base to develop Stage 2 the result would be delightful.

However it would come as no surprise to council to learn that our preference tends towards the original Mackenzie plan in many respects. (I am prepared to concede that the preference might result from our having made a major input to the Mackenzie plan but not to this one). While this plan captures much of the feeling of the original Mackenzie plan in its general relationship to Stage 1, and in some of its detail picks up admirable features of the original plan (the mangroves/wetlands, the rotunda, the canoe launching area . . .) the execution of some detail varies and is not always an improvement.

Features improved include:

- mangroves/wetlands - a splendid feature of the original and advantageously relocated on this plan;
- rotunda - again a splendid feature of the original plan, but a bit gimmicky in its execution. The sketch displayed is much more appropriate. However I would like consideration to be given to the reproduction of the style of the rotunda demolished in Jubilee Park about twenty-five years ago.

Features debased include the subtle relationship between the two parts of the one park. The 1981 Plan at once recognised the separation yet connection. Although it was to be one park, Johnston Creek provided a natural separation which allowed greater variety in the park without ever allowing the two parts to be seen as the "Glebe" and "Annandale" parts. One part was to be more formal, the other less formal, but you were to merge from one to the other without a sense of dramatic change. The new plan does not achieve this coalescence as well as the old does.

- the Johnston Creek crossing - at the Rozelle Bay edge the original plan depicted a footbridge repeating the profile of the (restored) ex-Federal Road bridge. The low tide crossing of the new plan is inadequate;

- the long formal pathways - the 1981 Plan linked the two parts with long formal pathways, the most significant in the linking process being the one which was to cross the new bridge and continue to the centre of "Stage 2" - a focal point of merging paths. This concept needs to be restored.
- the prevailing flatness - the residents of Annandale and Glebe who took the opportunity to contribute to the original plan argued against the popular "mounds of interest" that seemed to be a trendy feature of park design in 1981, and in favour of a flat, essentially formal lay-out reflecting the Victorian era. While the new plan does not indicate actual heights, I fear mounds are intended for certain areas. If this is the case, I feel it is a mistake. The prevailing flatness should be preserved as a vital feature in linking the two parts.

Not specifically related to "Stage 2" but shown on the plans is the area at Victoria and Maxwell and designed for a "Lookout" and basketball courts. I point out an earlier proposal unrelated to the Bicentennial Park campaign, mooted tennis courts for this area. There is a dearth of tennis courts in the area and therefore seems a reasonable suggestion. However I must point out that any use of this area inevitably has a significant impact on the immediate residents in Victoria Road. They must be fully consulted before any project is undertaken for this site.

I repeat our heartiest congratulations to all involved. The quality of the plan warrants the development of the park having a high priority in Leichhardt Council's efforts in the immediate future. Regardless of the quality of the plan, the Stage 2 represents a significant symbol for the people of the area confirming that teamwork between Leichhardt Council and local residents can be extremely productive.

Yours faithfully,

John Buckingham
Bays and Foreshores Convenor

It would be nice to see restoration of the Diggers Memorial completed by the end of the year. Without a heritage grant for the final stage, the speed at which the project is completed is entirely dependent upon the generosity of the community. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Max Solling

Wentworth Park

1994 has seen no progress whatsoever in the implementation of the Plan of Management for Wentworth Park.

However, we understand the Sydney City Council and the Government, through the Department of Planning are assessing the development of the whole Pyrmont/Ultimo area under the City West scheme and very little action will take place until decisions are made for the whole area.

Talks with the Deputy Head of the Department of Planning reveal that they agree with our view that the Landscape Plan be implemented in stages so that work can begin and residents can have improved use of the Park. Following this conversation we wrote on 15 July to the Minister for Planning, Robert Webster and the Lord Mayor, Frank Sartor. To date no replies have yet been received.

The company responsible for construction of the Casino in Pyrmont, Leightons Ltd., are anxious to talk to residents and would be happy to talk to the Glebe Society. We are trying to arrange a date for this at the moment and may be able to announce this at the A.G.M. or in the next Bulletin so that all those interested can come.

We will continue to put pressure on the Government and the City Council in the hope that this issue can be resolved soon.

Christine Stewart

Aircraft and Glebe

The report begins with commentary from Second Sydney Airport Coalition who have lead the field in Sydney's airport research. It is critical to privatise the Federal Airports Corporation to achieve an unsubsidised airline industry. It is not economically sound to continue subsidising this transport mode with 8% of the population using it. We need to keep in mind the lack of competition in Sydney's air transport market: there is no serious airport to challenge Kingsford Smith Airport's pricing as yet.

Leichhardt Council has called a public meeting, Monday 8th August 7pm, advertised in the special edition of "The Leichhardt Leader" (July/August 1994, second page). There is a need for as many Glebe residents to be at the meeting as is possible. The paucity of noise insulation is expected to be on the agenda. Glebe is going to be affected by aircraft noise with the third runway- at least 8% will be seriously affected and 25% will be moderately affected (Draft Noise Management Plan, June 1994). The Society is currently writing a submission on the Noise and Air Quality Management Plan for Kingsford Smith Airport. Noise amelioration and compensation proposed by the FAC is minimal. The draft air quality plan is addressed from the perspective of the whole of the Sydney basin!

The Glebe Society went to Badgerys Creek International Airport Conference, made a submission to the Olympic Games Transport inquiry and appeared at a public hearing (Jeanette Knox and myself).

The third runway flow-on effect to Sydney's sea ports is being felt. The Maritime Services Board comments Port Jackson will be needed to continue handling commercial shipping because the runway is in the way at Port Botany. But now the casino is in the wrong spot, at Pyrmont, because its position will separate wharves: there is no efficiency in such an arrangement. The Glebe Society recently met with Greater Western Sydney Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry to hear their need for efficient sea port facilities for manufactured goods. We had to examine the effect of moving goods on the existing rail line from White Bay, Johnstons Bay and possibly Pyrmont once again and passenger movement on the proposed light rail.

Members, especially those who think they will be affected by aircraft noise, may like to contact a new group called RUFF - Residents Under the Future Flight Path. Robyn Shea is the contact person and her telephone number is 568 2831.

Members received membership forms to join the group who are opposed to the Pyrmont Heliport - ICFCAG Inc. - Inner City Foreshores Community Action Group. By joining the group you are giving support.

Constant reminders are;

- a) the curfew at KSA is ours.
- b) the aircraft noise and curfew-breach telephone number must be used - 667 9050

Alison McKeown.

Child Care Facilities in the Glebe Area

I am writing to bring your attention to the fact that two child care centres in the Glebe area are closing at the end of the year.

Toxteth Road Kindergarten, whose building is owned by the Uniting Church, is to be closed down. The site is to be sold and the future of the building is uncertain. Parents using the centre have been informed that there will be no child care facilities available to them next year.

As well, I have been informed that Sydney College of the Arts Child Care Centre will also close at the end of 1994. SCA Child Care is used by parents who attend University and has always accepted enrolments from the local community.

The closure of the two centres results in the loss of over 80 child care places in the Glebe area. There are already considerable waiting lists for all centres in the Leichhardt area and this will only add to the already overburdened lists.

I would like to know what Leichhardt Council's intentions are for the future in child care facilities in Glebe.

I must stress this issue is now becoming a matter of great concern as a large percentage of parents in the community work and depend on quality child care. We are only six months away from the closure of these two facilities and the battle to obtain places in other centres is becoming more and more difficult.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Schweikert
Children in Glebe Convenor



**St Peter's Anglican Church -
Commemorate 1794
on 14 August 1994.**



On the 14 August St Peters Anglican Church, 187 Princes Highway, St Peters, will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the first land grants in the Bullanaming area. The land is now largely the Municipality of Marrickville.

The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Harry Goodhew will preach at the 10:00am service which will be followed by a \$1.00 brunch and an entertainment called "1794." It was a year in which Europe was in turmoil. The French Revolution was at its bleakest. Britain was close to revolution and at war with France. Poland under Kosciusko was attempting liberation from Russia. In the infant colony of N.S.W. alcohol was already a problem though starvation loomed. Robert Burns, William Blake and Hadyn were producing some of their most memorable works. Samuel Marsden arrived in N.S.W. Jane Austen is writing one of her earliest novels. Mrs Radcliffe has success with the *Mysteries of Udolpho*. "An unemployed Wordsworth longs for constitutional change. Coleridge falls in and out of love and thinks about an idealistic community settling in America. Thomas Paine languishes in a French prison. The music of Dibdin, Burns, Haydn, Storace, Handel, songs from broadsheets and contemporary "Methodist" hymns were popular.

In short "1794" will draw on contemporary writing, novels, newspapers, letters, reports, music and song to create a feeling of the times. To assist with catering, please, if possible, let us know you are coming by telephoning, either 557 2332 or 558 7504.

**Leichhardt Bike Day:
Sunday 18 September**

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) Bicycle Week starts on 18 September and they are sponsoring groups like Leichhardt Bicycles Users Group to organize events during the week to encourage cycling. The theme for this year is "Bike it you'll like it."

Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group are going to hold a **fun family bike day** in King George V Park, Rozelle (down by the waterside on the northern side of Rozelle Hospital grounds.) There will be a **SKILLS COURSE, SLOW RACES, TIME TRIAL, MINI HILL CLIMB, FREE SAFETY CHECKS, PRIZES** and a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**.

The day starts at 10am and goes until about 2 or 3pm. Sausage sandwich \$2 and drinks \$1. Water and coffee or tea also available or bring your own picnic. Leichhardt Council will be providing assistance with the grounds and arrangements and they hope to have as much community participation as possible.

**Inspection of Historic Glebe -
House Minders Required**

As announced in last month's Bulletin, the Society's next inspection of houses and major buildings in Glebe will be held on Sunday 6 November.

A total of 60 members will be needed to mind a house and assist members of the public as they inspect the buildings. Volunteers are needed for either the morning or afternoon "shifts". Each house minder will receive a free ticket to the inspection, as appreciation of their work for the Society.

If you would be able to assist, could you please ring Betty Wright on 660 1875, in the evening.

For Your Diary

Wednesday 17 August - 7:30 pm - monthly meeting of the Glebe Society Management Committee, held at Lyndhurst, Darghan Street, Glebe.

Sunday 14 August - at St Peter's Anglican Church, 187 Princes Highway, St Peters, 10:00am, visit by Archbishop; 1:00pm, "Historical Presentation - 1794"

Sunday 28 August - The Glebe Society Annual General Meeting

Sunday 18 September - Family Bike Day, King George V Park, Rozelle

Sunday 6 November - Inspection of Historic Glebe

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Membership of The Glebe Society

Costs: Ordinary \$25; additional household members \$5 each;
Student/Pensioner \$10; Institution \$30

Write to P.O. Box 100, Glebe 2037, or ring Jeanette Knox on 660 7781.



THE GLEBE SOCIETY Inc
PO Box 100, GLEBE NSW 2037

August 1994

Dear Member

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 1994/5

Unless you renewed your membership or joined the Society after March 1994, your membership fee for the year ending 1995 is now due.

This renewal notice is a little late, due to the size of the previous Bulletin. Please remember that you must be 'financial' to vote at the Annual General Meeting, on Sunday 28 August.

A small increase in Membership Fees was approved at the 1993 Annual General Meeting. New rates are shown over the page.

We have four levels of membership fees - Pensioner/Student, Ordinary, Additional Household and Institutional.

The category 'Additional Household' is important to the Society for two reasons. Additional Household members have full membership privileges but do not receive an extra copy of the Society's Bulletin, so their additional membership fee is a bonus. Also, the number of individual members of the Society, as opposed to households on the mailing list, better reflects the strength of the Society.

The work of the Society in preserving and enhancing the natural and architectural character of Glebe, and trying to prevent the impact of decisions outside our area on Glebe, requires your continued and valued support.

Please complete the details on the form overleaf and send it, with your payment, to PO Box 100, Glebe 2037 or deliver it to Edwina Doe, 224 Bridge Road.

We would also welcome members' help on the Society's sub-committees. Provision has been made for you to indicate ways in which you may be able to help on the form overleaf.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Edwina Doe
ACTING TREASURER

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

You may be interested in joining one of the following groups or helping the Society in its activities.

Please indicate your area of interest below:

- Committee membership
- Town Planning
- Heritage and History
- The Glebe Point Road Project
- Kingsford Smith Airport and Glebe
- Light Rail
- Other Public Transport and Traffic Issues
- Parks and Gardens
- The Bulletin - Editing or Writing Articles
- Social Activities (Organising them)
- Other

Other issues I would like to see the Society involved in are:

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PREFERRED TITLE: Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / MS

GIVEN NAME:

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Additional Household Members at the same address (full membership rights but no extra Bulletin)

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION
(Please tick below as appropriate)

\$10 - PENSIONER / STUDENT

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\$5 - EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

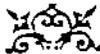
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DONATION:

\$5 \$10 \$20 \$30 \$

I ENCLOSE \$ (Ch / MO / Cash)

SIGNED: /.../19...



THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc.

NOMINATION FORM

I.....of.....
(full name) (address)

hereby nominate.....
(full name)

of.....
(address)

for election to the position of.....

on the **Management Committee of the Glebe Society Incorporated.**

Seconded by.....of.....

I accept nomination for the above position

Signature.....Date.....

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I.....of.....
(full name) (address)

being a financial member of the Glebe Society Incorporated

hereby appoint.....of.....
(full name of proxy) (address)

being a member of The Glebe Society Incorporated, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the twenty-eighth day of August 1994 at 3:00pm at the Darling Mills Restaurant, 134 Glebe Point Road, Glebe and at any adjournment of that meeting.

..... Date.....
Signature of member appointing proxy

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Society.