

THE GLEBE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

**Annual General Meeting
27 August, 1995, noon: at David Browne's,
56 Boyce Street, Glebe**

A G E N D A

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 25th annual general meeting 28.8.94
4. Business arising
5. Reports
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Convenors of sub-committees
 - * Aircraft
 - * Bays and foreshores
 - * Children in Glebe
 - * Diggers' Memorial
 - * Environment
 - * Harold Park
 - * Light Rail
 - * Planning
 - * Traffic
 - * Wentworth Park
 - Council
6. General business
 - motion that Edwina Doe become an honorary life member of the Society (Andrew Wood, seconded Jeanette Knox)
7. Election of office-bearers 1995/96
8. Any other business

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DARLING MILLS, ON 28 AUGUST, 1994 AT 3 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Marianne von Knobelsdorff (chair), Jeanette Knox, Lyn Milton, Betty Wright, Marian Harris, Hazel Henry, Helen Griffiths, Ian Edwards, Reinhold Meric, Jan Wilson, Jean MacKenzie, Marie Mackie, Kio Jennings, Cynthia Jones, Ian Jones, Ted McKeown, Alison McKeown, David Browne, Barbara Sutton, Edwina Doe, Linda Nash, Louise Schweikert, John Hoddinott, John Buckingham, John O'Connell, Andrew Wood, Katharine Buck, Max Solling, M. Bearne, F. Bearne, Albert Mispel, Theodora Hobbs, Fiona Campbell.

APOLOGIES:

Jan Macindoe, Neil Macindoe, Peter Strickland, Christine Stewart.

Marianne von Knobelsdorff, Senior Vice-President, welcomed members, including Professor Bernard Smith who had travelled from Melbourne for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Society. Thanks to Sara Adey for providing both the venue and support.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Secretary summarised the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as a true record (Cynthia Jones, seconded Edwina Doe).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Following a query raised at the meeting about the possibility of reintroducing a ward system into Leichhardt, the Society had written to Council, and a referendum had been held in conjunction with the by-election. This had favoured a ward system.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Reports of eight sub-committees had been published in the Bulletin and were taken as read. Convenors spoke to their reports:

- a) Aircraft: no additional report.
- b) Bays and Foreshores: John Buckingham reported that good things were happening on Rozelle Bay, where a corporate sponsor had been found. However, Blackwattle Bay was not looking so good with the higher densities likely with Cook Street and Harbour Lighterage developments.
- c) Children in Glebe: Ted McKeown reported, on behalf of Louise Schweikert, that shelter tables were under construction and that funds for playground equipment in the park had been provided by Council (\$20,000) and the State Government (\$10,000). The pre-school nursery would remain open for one more year.
- d) Diggers' Memorial: no additional report. However, the Society would still be happy to receive donations to complete the work.
- e) Wentworth Park: no additional report. A volunteer to take over as convener of this committee was sought, but no-one came forward.
- f) Traffic: Jeanette Knox advised that she hoped to publish priorities for a traffic policy in the Bulletin and she

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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1995

<u>1994</u>		<u>1995</u>
\$		\$
	<u>INCOME</u>	
6082.00	Membership	4352.00
157.90	Miscellaneous	295.20
1625.95	Christmas Party	1444.00
	Music Festival	2035.00
	House Inspection	2602.00
<u>\$7865.85</u>		<u>\$10,728.20</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1746.72	Bulletin (incl. postage)	1564.18
3033.50	Christmas party	1902.00
325.00	Donations	235.00
1451.41	Misc. expenses (incl clerical, gifts)	1400.36
163.00	Insurance	482.00
455.20	Legal	--
279.62	Postage	179.30
150.00	Subscriptions	160.00
--	Auditing	512.00
--	AGM	334.00
--	Conference	163.50
	Music Festival	2175.00
	House Inspection	1684.90
	Glebe Fair	192.00
<u>\$7604.44</u>		<u>\$10,941.20</u>
\$261.51	Net Surplus/Deficit	-\$212.80

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 1995

<u>1994</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>1995</u>
\$		\$
10,948.89	Opening Balance	10,813.33
-135.33	Deficit/surplus for year	+ 526.26
 \$10,813.56		
 8,950.00	Represented by	
1,863.56	NAB - Investment	9,426.55
	NAB - Cheque account	1,913.04
 <u>\$10,813.56</u>		 <u>\$11,339.59</u>

HONORARY TREASURER - MAVIS McCARTHY

- would be pleased to receive comments.
- g) Light Rail: Andrew Wood reported that a Consortium had successfully tendered for construction of the Pyrmont Light Rail line. A German design for rolling stock had been approved and these would be built in Dandenong. The line was scheduled to open in July 1996. John Hoddinott had written the Society's submission to Sydney City Council and had spoken at the hearing. The Ministry of Transport had now agreed to a feasibility study of extending the line to the CBD and to Leichhardt (Marion Street). A demand study was to be done before the end of 1994. There were questions about the location of stops, and the likelihood of pressure for rezonings along the track, though not to a great extent in Glebe. So the work that began in 1974 was finally coming to fruition. Special thanks were due to John Gerofi. Alison McKeown raised a query about the mix of cargo and light rail on the same line, in view of continued commercial shipping use of Port Jackson and the possible need for cargo rail access to move freight out west. It would be possible to use time divisions, e.g. freight overnight and light rail during the day. John O'Connell spoke of the need for disabled access.
- h) Archives: Lyn Milton reported that Clive Smith had been appointed honorary archivist to the Society in 1990. A policy had been developed and published in the July 1991 Bulletin. She had taken over when he went overseas. Room in the Glebe Town Hall was being made available for housing the Society's records. However, there were gaps, particularly in the Management Committee minutes. She had read and indexed the Society's Bulletins, and this index had already proved useful. Bernard Smith noted that quite a large file of early Bulletins and papers had gone to the Glebe Library about 1981. Lyn Milton had found them there. Professor Smith recommended that eventually original papers should be deposited in the Mitchell Library. LM and BS to confer. Thanks were expressed to LM for her good work.
- i) Environment: Fiona Campbell sought further comment on the trees in Glebe Point Road, about which there had been no resolution. This needed pushing along. Also trees on the Glebe Estate.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Edwina Doe presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Mavis McCarthy. The accounts had been meticulously audited by Norman Abeshouse. The major variant from year to year was the House Inspection, and it was hoped that the 1994 inspection would be profitable. Running expenses were higher because of increased postal charges. There was a slight loss overall for the year, but the Society was holding its own. The increase in subscription rates and the house inspection should put the Society on a sound footing. 176 households had been financial at the end of the year, and to date this year there were 65. Some procedural suggestions from the auditor would be considered by the Management Committee.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Macindoe had sent apologies for the meeting and a note

of his concern about the loss of five town planners on Council. Some 200 building applications and development applications were in arrears, and there were 24 appeals in the Land and Environment Court. He had proposed to Council, in its administrative restructuring, that they employ more town planners.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Society had had no President during the year, and the Senior Vice-President, Marianne von Knobelsdorff, accordingly presented "the year in review". This was the first Vice-President's report in twenty-five years. It was also in part a planning report, because of the continuing ill-health of planning convenor Linda Nash. LN would be happy to offer advice in future, but a new convenor was being sought. The range of matters which had been of concern to the Society during the year included:

- * Backpackers/Youth Hostels. These had brought friction with neighbours as well as colour and financial benefit to the suburb. There was a need to identify when "enough was enough".

- * Glebe Markets. A compromise finally seemed to have been reached which brought financial returns to stallholders and the Public School, with less disruption to local residents.

- * Wards. These had been abolished undemocratically, and the Society had campaigned for their return, which had been voted in. In the meantime the two Councillors resident in Glebe had an open invitation to attend Management Committee meetings and to provide reports for the Bulletin.

- * Cleanliness. Mavis McCarthy and Cynthia Jones had written to the Mayor on behalf of the Society. Marianne von Knobelsdorff urged people to clean in front of their own homes.

- * Trees. The replacement of the poplars in Glebe Point Road was an ongoing issue, which had brought out many strong views. Poplars were preferred, but the problem with their roots was recognised. Whatever eventually was decided some people would be displeased.

- * Bundling of power lines. Work was beginning on bundling in part of Glebe Point Road.

- * Submissions. Many submissions had been made during the year including appearances in the Land and Environment Court. The Cook Street decision had at least vested foreshore access in Council. The aim was to open the foreshores for pedestrian and bicycle use. Thanks had been expressed to Sandra Nori for her support on this.

- * Specific sites. There had been a meeting the previous week about the problems associated with the Harbour Lighterage site. With Bellevue Council seemed to have painted itself into a corner by signing a lease with the developer after the lapse of the DA. Residents were not happy with the development. It was not possible to abrogate the lease, and attempts were being made to scale down the development. On the Fink site unapproved development had occurred, and there were worries about developments there that could affect traffic on Glebe Point Road and restrict access to the foreshores. At Tranby there was some possibility of a redesign that might meet residents' concerns. Despite the collapse of the wall at

University Hall this redevelopment was going ahead well and was nearing completion.

* Heliport. The fight against the Pyrmont Heliport was continuing. The fight against the third runway had been hard but unsuccessful, and energies were now being concentrated on the problem of noise.

* Diggers' Memorial. The work done by Bill Nelson had been much appreciated. Max Solling was now heading the committee. Work was still needed on the roll of honour, the angel and the cross on the orb - also to stop people sleeping in it! A final appeal for funds was foreshadowed for 1995.

* Homeopathic Hospital. There had been strong opposition to the proposed Women's Transitional Centre, particularly in that building. Fund-raising was under way for its purchase by Council. Letters pledging financial support were needed.

* Glebe Chamber of Commerce. While the Society and the Chamber had points of difference it had been agreed that the two committees should liaise more closely on matters of common interest.

* Harold Park. After many years Gideon Rutherford had resigned as convenor. Appreciation of his work was expressed. Proposed developments there needed monitoring.

In looking to the future, Marianne von Knobelsdorff emphasised the need for the Society to continue as a vigilant action group. It was essential to talk to residents, and to work for the continuance of a friendly village atmosphere. She was stepping down after 4 1/2 years as Vice President, since there were a number of reasons why she did not intend to stand as President. However, she would continue as a member of the committee. She expressed her thanks to the Management Committee and all members of committees. The team effort contributed to the Society's getting through a difficult year.

Finally, members were asked to support the Inspection of Historic Glebe. Volunteers for house minding were asked to give their names to Betty Wright.

The Glebe Music Festival, previously organised by David Macintosh, was being arranged by Andrew Wood this year.

The Vice-President's review was accepted with acclamation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Social issues policy: input was sought from the meeting on the suggestion of holding a workshop meeting to develop a social issues policy. Some points of concern were raised, and David Browne suggested that anyone interested in working on social issues might contact him or another member of the committee
- b) Homeopathic Hospital site: David Browne tabled a report of the Library Fighting Fund Committee and a statement of the views that the Glebe Society and the Chamber of Commerce shared about the site. John Buckingham asked why it was not viable to continue to use it as a hospital. Dr Browne said he believed it could be viable in 5 or 10 years time, but it was not feasible at present because of the lack of government commitment.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS 1994/95:

The following office-bearers were elected unopposed:

President:	David Browne
Senior Vice-President:	vacant
Junior Vice-President:	Cynthia Jones
Secretary:	Jeanette Knox
Treasurer:	Mavis McCarthy
Committee members:	Barbara Sutton Marianne von Knobelsdorff Christine Whittemore

Edwina Doe had decided not to stand for the committee again, and she was thanked for many years of service, as President, Bulletin Editor, Treasurer and Committee member. Otto Cserhalmi to be approached to see if he would be willing to continue on the Committee.

Convenors were needed for Planning, Harold Park, Wentworth Park and for Social activities. John Hoddinott and Helen Griffiths indicated that they would be prepared to help with planning, and Barbara Sutton would help with social activities, but there were no volunteers for Harold or Wentworth Parks.

PRESIDENT 1994/95:

David Browne, the new President, spoke briefly. He had lived in Glebe for almost twenty years, and one of the first people he had met in Glebe was Bernard Smith. There were currently many areas of conflict in society and he hoped to be able to help resolve some of these at the local level. He was looking to build up numbers in the Glebe Society. There was always the need for new blood, younger ideas and new vision. The Society needed to revitalise itself every year. Issues such as the Homeopathic Hospital and the Airport would always arise. The Glebe Society should reflect the changing nature of Glebe and the changing nature of society.

GUEST OF HONOUR:

The President then introduced Professor Bernard Smith, foundation President of the Glebe Society, who spoke about the early days of the Society. Max Solling proposed the vote of thanks in conclusion, and this was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned for refreshments and the cutting of the birthday cake shortly after 5 pm.

Jeanette Knox
Hon. Secretary