

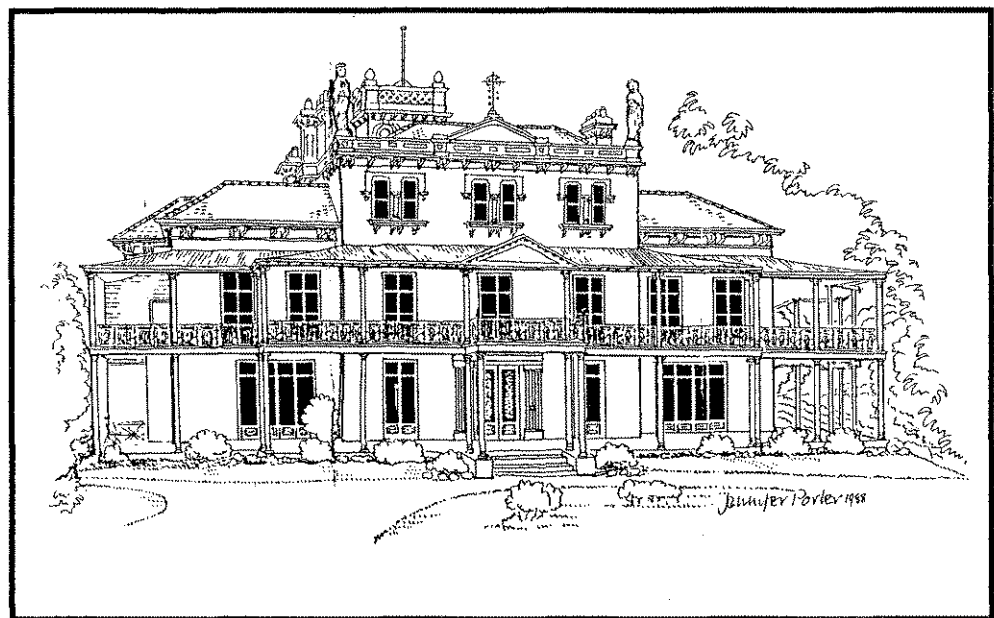


# The **GLEBE SOCIETY** Bulletin

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Every organisation - The Glebe Society is no exception - needs to take a look at itself from time to time. The Management Committee will begin a review on Saturday 23 May.



## *"What is the purpose of The Glebe Society?"*

A basic question - "What is the purpose of The Glebe Society?" When you look at the purposes set out in the Constitution, you find it is about the people who live in Glebe, to promote their well-being. And it is about Glebe's built and natural environment - to promote the good, and prevent the bad from happening.

Being a member is an opportunity to contribute to these aims. The way this has happened (mostly) is that people interested in

taking on various issues bring them to the Management Committee and a sub-Committee may then form around the issue. The record shows that this has worked pretty well. Members can keep up with what is going on via the Society's Bulletin, and from time to time there are social activities.

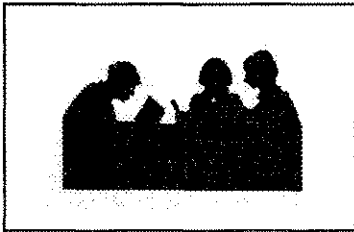
All meetings of the Management Committee are open to all members. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, just

ring the Secretary and arrange to come to a meeting.

As we take stock it will be valuable to have ideas from as many members as possible. As a member YOU might like to come along to the planning day on 23 May. Give me a ring on 9660. 8324; it will be good to have as many members present as possible - or send your suggestions to Box 100 PO, Glebe.

Russell Stewart

# HIGHLIGHTS from the GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



14 April 1998

## Peter Forsyth Fund

As reported in last month's Bulletin, the Society has donated \$200 to the Peter Forsyth Fund, and has given a copy of the Bernard Smith book on Glebe to his family, signed by the President, and inscribed as follows:

*"his is a book about a part of the world that means a lot to us. It is our way of saying how sad and upset we felt about Peter's death, and to acknowledge the deep loss you and our whole community have suffered."*

## Strategic Planning Session

To ensure that the Society focuses on achievable and worthwhile issues, we have arranged a strategic planning session on Saturday morning 23 May. A facilitator will give time free of charge to assist the session. Members are invited to contact us with issues they think should be discussed (see p1).

## A Glebe Ferry

The Minister for Transport has written to say that he does not support a ferry for Glebe as, in his opinion, it would not be financially viable. However, Matilda Cruises is interested in running a limited peak hour service, and to show us their vessels, they have offered their 'Rocket' ferry, free of charge, for our proposed Boat Day (see below).

All correspondence to Society contact people should be sent c/- The Glebe Society Inc Box 100 Glebe 2037

## Boat Day

The Boat Day is being planned for a Sunday morning in September, and we are negotiating with Matilda Cruises to travel around Blackwattle Bay and on to Circular Quay via Darling Harbour and return. We intend to provide a commentary on the foreshores, and to look at what impediments exist to a foreshores walkway. Final details in the next Bulletin.

## Environment

The Total Environment Centre has asked people in the community to report any dischargers of pollution. Phone the TEC on 9247. 4714.

## Light Rail

The Council's Transport Planner will address the May meeting of the Management Committee to discuss the route of the proposed Light Rail. It seems that unless the route extends to Circular Quay, it will not have sufficient viability to travel to Lilyfield.

## New Playground

In contrast to work on the Minogue Reserve (see reports p4-5) the Committee has written to Leichhardt Council to congratulate them on the quite brilliant new playground at the Annandale end of the Bicentennial Park, which was accomplished with considerable community consultation. It is interesting to compare the notably different results which are achieved when the views of the community are taken into account.

## Demolition of Silos

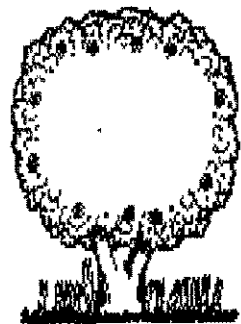
The silos on the other side of Blackwattle Bay will be demolished, and the work is estimated to take 22 months. The demolishers have undertaken to take all care to avoid dust pollution.

## A SHOW OF GLEBE GARDENS

Another 'BACK TO GLEBE' week is being planned in September this year, and a Garden Show has been suggested as one of the events of the Week.

Are there any keen and knowledgeable gardeners out there who would like to organise this? We have had an offer to run a 'Best Kept Footpath-Garden' category, and the Management Committee thought visitors might also like to see some of the private gardens in Glebe.

If you are interested please phone Jeanette Knox - 9660. 7781.



## THE CHANGING FACE OF GLEBE

### 156-160 Bridge Road

I have seen the revised plans for the redevelopment of the **Hamilton/The Abbey/Reussdale** site at 156-160 Bridge Road. The owners, in collaboration with the architects, have submitted a revised D.A. for a residential development on the three blocks. The previous L-shaped residential block was to contain 12 town houses and six apartments at the 'elbow'. The apartments have been deleted and consequently the former building is now in two separate sections. At the same time the number of units in **The Abbey** has been increased by one.

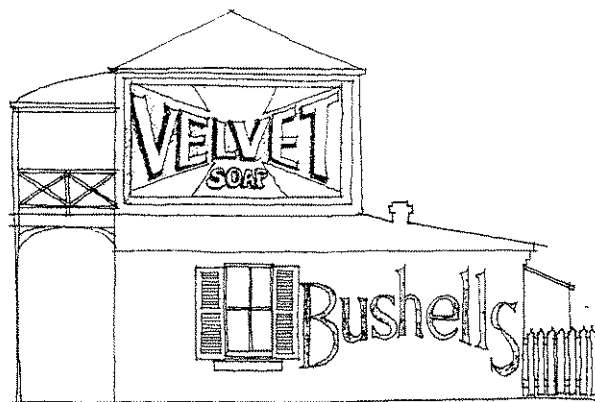
This revision still necessitates the demolition of **Hamilton**, the fairly derelict sandstone one-storey cottage on the eastern side of the site. The proposed new development would contain 12 town houses, plus seven in **The Abbey** itself, while **Reussdale** would be a single dwelling. The reduction is from 25 dwellings to 20. The new plan has a more sympathetic garage entrance and exit, which apart from being smaller, would not interfere with the nearby pedestrian crossing. I have been assured by the architects that the restoration of **Reussdale** will be of the highest quality, as substantial details are held by the architectural firm.

I remind members that the alternative to the planned residential development is a reception centre, with much greater car parking requirements. The owners have permission to make such a development, and I believe that the residential option is by far the better solution, both for residents and for those lucky enough to live in the new units. There will be a public meeting at the Glebe Town Hall at 7 pm on Thursday 28 May to display and discuss the proposed development.

By the way, Leichhardt Council news is worth reading in every issue of *The Glebe and Inner Western Weekly*; it may well contain matters that affect you - perhaps a change to garbage collection times, public events in local parks, or proposed developments near to you, which you may wish to comment on. The Noticeboard in the Library can also be checked.

### The Children's Hospital Site

I have heard that the sale of the former Children's Hospital site is well under way, as the State Government wants it sold before 1 July.



### 461-465 Glebe Point Road

I believe that there will be a plan for residential towers on the 461-465 Glebe Point Road site. Members are asked to keep an eye open for news on this in the two sources above. There will certainly be a public meeting to discuss this important site.

### Blackwattle Bay Park

A recent Operations and Services meeting at Council resolved to grant expenditure of \$20,000 for consultancy fees for a Plan of Management for Blackwattle Bay Park. This involves essential strategic planning for the restoration and upgrading of Bellevue and the adjacent harbour foreshore. [These are essentially the words from the Council Business Papers.] Council plans to have three public workshops, the first of which will be in about three months, so again keep an eye open. At the meeting I mentioned the difficulty of parking in that area if Bellevue were to assume a commercial function. There would be a moderately increased traffic flow in the narrow streets to and from the site, but to me, parking seems a much larger potential problem.

### ... and no news

about Fletcher's container terminal site at the bayside end of Forsyth St, nor the Forest Lodge Drill Hall in Hereford Street (near Cross St), and, as far as I can ascertain, no news about two properties in Glebe Point Road - Bidura (357) and the Sydney College of the Arts (266). Both are owned by the State Government which has called for expressions of interest. The use of these sites will be fairly circumscribed, and Bidura must remain without any external change.

John Hoddinott

Some things move very quickly!

In the last issue of the Bulletin we had an article (pp1,3) on Minogue Reserve and a proposed closure of Francis Street, as well as an update on the Glebe Point Road Project Committee (p5). Since then a large ramp has been built across the Reserve serving as an entrance to The Broadway Shopping Centre.

This has caused much response from the community.

### ... extracts from a letter from the President of The Glebe Society

The Chief Engineer, Leichhardt Council

The Society is greatly concerned with the work now being carried out on Minogue Reserve, and that there does not appear to have been any public exhibition of the new design for this park, or reference of proposals for this to the Glebe Point Road Project Group.

While relatively small, this park is clearly a key area of open space along the very built up streetscape of Glebe Point Road. However, rather than contributing a very much needed green 'buffer' between the new development and the dramatically different streetscape of Glebe Point Road, with the positioning of the ramp and the dominance of the steps, the Reserve now appears to be simply being converted to a large front door for the new development. This is in direct contradiction to the plans and recommendations submitted to Council by the Glebe Point Road Project Group, and which have been discussed at length at many of the Group's meetings.

This lack of consultation or even reference of the work to the Glebe Point Road Project Group is particularly difficult to appreciate, given the support that Council has given the Glebe Point Road Project in the past, and the amount of effort that members of the group have contributed in their own time over the past ten years, with an ideal of improving the local environment. ...

While the new plans for the park were not referred to the Project Group (nor the Precinct), we have been advised they were referred to the Broadway redevelopment working group, and we would appreciate clarification of this. ...

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT

We therefore request that Council provides

1. a copy of the revised landscape plans for this park
2. information on the approval process for these plans for the park, and detail of any requirements for any public exhibition of these plans
3. clarification of any reference of the plans to community members of the Broadway redevelopment working group
4. comment as to why these proposed plans were not referred to the Project Group, given the interest in the future of the Reserve shown by the Group
5. a response to the plan and recommendations submitted by the Project Group
6. advice of any future community consultation with reasonable notice.

I look forward to your reply. It would be appreciated if this could be provided at the next Glebe Point Road Project meeting.

Yours sincerely,

### ... from the Management Committee

The Glebe Point Road Project was formed with the encouragement and support of Leichhardt Council, The Glebe Society and the Glebe Street Fair. The Project Group reported their horror on finding that the considerable amount of work they had put into planning Minogue Reserve had been ignored, and a large ramp, approved by Council with no consultation, had been installed by the developers of the Broadway Shopping Centre.

A large slice of the Reserve has been lost, and much is now under bitumen. The Secretary expressed her dismay to a Council officer at the bitumen steps, edged with brick, commenting that no-one would want to sit on asphalt. She was told that it was approved by 'a Committee'; the Project Group said it was certainly not *their* Committee.

The Society expressed its concern and disappointment that the community should have been ignored in favour of the Broadway Shopping Centre, and resolved to write to Council along these lines.

# MINOGUE RESERVE?

... from Councillor Macindoe

This park on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Francis St is the most heavily used in the entire municipality, mainly by workers having lunch. As part of the Broadway Shopping Centre redevelopment it has been greatly extended to include a closed section of Franklin St and the apron of the former Grace Bros carpark. The building immediately to the east is a new auditorium which doubles as a full-size indoor basketball court, and these facilities are to be handed over to Council at no cost to ratepayers. There is an independent childcare centre (open to shoppers) located on top of the auditorium.

The design of the extended open space (a significant increase in the part of Glebe that needs it most) was supposed to be exhibited for public comment. For reasons still unclear, this did not happen. I shall insist that such consultation now occurs, and attempt to secure any agreed changes. The Glebe Society, through the Glebe Point Road Project, has been involved in proposals for Minogue Reserve for the last ten years. On Tuesday 11 April I chaired a meeting on site where resident and Chamber of Commerce representatives were definite that they wanted a softer and greener area.

## LATE NEWS !!

At its Meeting on 22 April, Council approved the preparation of a plan of management for the auditorium/basketball court and the extensions to Minogue Reserve (also being handed over to Council), so that both can be used in an integrated fashion for community activities.

Mathew Taylor, consultant to the Glebe Point Road Project, is being commissioned by Council to prepare this plan.

... from John Hoddinott  
Glebe Society Planning Convenor

I attended two meetings in the new space near the auditorium close to Minogue Reserve, both convened by Cr Neil Macindoe. At the first meeting there was much passionate feeling expressed about the loss of some of the grass area from the Reserve, including the 'ugliness' of the bitumened area, the nature and positioning of the artworks, and the lack of security lighting. There were plans presented by Council for some Aboriginal art to be given a space in the precinct, and there is a small Council budget available for this purpose.

At the second meeting Council officers presented a possible solution to some of the complaints made at the previous meeting. At the moment, there are two plane trees in the area, apart from the extant trees in the grassy area near Glebe Point Road. It was proposed that the number of trees be increased by nine or ten, that the seating be improved, and to consider having planter boxes in the area. The children's playground could move to the flat area, with an artificial base, as is the modern practice for such spaces.

The plans for this space were in the original submissions, and these were on display for some time. It has been proposed for well over two years that a good part of the area adjoining the auditorium include a flat, non-grassy, area for performances, functions, etc. About half the space cannot have significant trees, because of the manner of construction of the site, i.e. a suspended concrete slab. I am

uncertain as to what may happen about the loss of grassed area.

It is hoped that the revised plan, including suggestions made at this latter meeting, will be included in a proposal to be displayed about mid-May, and details will be given on the Library Noticeboard. Members who are concerned about the area should try to make an input to the next meeting of the Management Committee (12 May).

## MINOGUE RESERVE

was named after Irish Catholic Daniel Minogue, born in County Clare, Ireland in July 1893; he died in Sydney in January 1983, aged (almost) 90.

A salesman and publican, and member of the Australian Labor Party, he was prominent in the Redfern Branch. He served on the City Council from 1938 - 1949 and was the Federal member for West Sydney from 1949 - 1969.

Dan Minogue succeeded in having the landmark Clock Tower - which had been taken down and dismantled during the war and left lying in some Council yard - replaced on the Sydney GPO building.

During the 70s he lived in Avenue Road near Bernard Smith, founder of The Glebe Society. Minogue was a member of the Irish National Association, and keenly interested in charitable movements - he was made an honorary citizen of Boys' Town; his autobiography is entitled *The Rambler from Clare*

[information courtesy of Max Solling]

## IN FAVOUR OF BADGERY'S

The Society's submission to the Badgery's Creek EIS is in favour of what could be termed 'Stage I' which projects airport development as far as the year 2016.

It includes one or two parallel runways and perhaps an additional cross-runway. However the Society rejected a later stage of development proposing a total of four parallel runways.

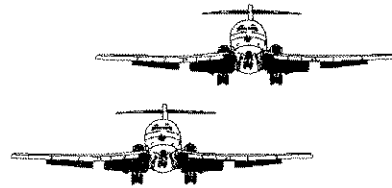
Instead we called for a third airport of Sydney on the rim of the Sydney basin.

Our submission supporting Badgery's Creek airport was lodged in March and copies were sent to the Federal Minister for Transport, the ALP counterpart, and the Premier of NSW. Local political representatives and Leichhardt Municipal Council were advised by letter that the submission had been made.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* recently reported Qantas' positive comment on Badgery's Creek airport development made in its submission. However this aviation operator apparently continues to support expansion of KSA to its maximum capacity.

Operating KSA at 80 aircraft movements per hour is getting closer. A parallel approach radar monitor will be commissioned around the middle of this year to 'improve' the proportion of time KSA will be able to operate at that level. Movements at present, according to figures for a fortnight in March, range from 12 or fewer aircraft per hour (recorded in the curfew hours) to an occasional maximum of 70 and above. Some days had eight or nine hours with more than 50 movements per hour.

The radar monitor will very likely facilitate construction of the M5 East motorway. The *SMH* reported (9/4/98) that road work will occur at Arncliffe on the edge of the east/west runway. That runway might sometimes cease operating for safety reasons while road construction ensues. Aircraft will 'divert' to the north/south runways for periods up to 10 hours per day - aided by the radar monitor. This arrangement might continue for four years. Does it mean partial return to aircraft noise experienced with the 'Bennelong Funnel' of 1994-5?



### AIRPORT NOISE COMPLAINTS

Some inner Sydney suburbs are reacting to aircraft noise as never before. Darling Point and Paddington were not known to have objected to the third runway expansion of KSA but, now flown over, they lodged 246 and 279 complaints respectively to the Airport Noise Complaints line one fortnight in January according to airport briefing notes. The total number of complaints expressed to that line were very high in the same fortnight: 4197. Only five were positive for "appreciating decreased aircraft noise". Glebe's calls have decreased since the east/west runway recommenced, but there was an increase from the usual one or two calls to nine lodged in that same period.

Rounding off the topic, here's how some other suburbs fared: Coogee (88 calls), Redfern (38), Marrickville (133), Summer Hill (444) and Concord (194). The complaints phone number is 9582. 1850.

Alison McKeown

#### OOPS!!

It seems there are always errors which creep in uninvited to any community publication. However we thought we should acknowledge a 'howler' which appeared in the aircraft article in the last Bulletin.

In referring to Option B (p7), we made mention of "an additional 2,500 km NW/SE runway." Someone pointed out that such a runway would reach as far as Alice Springs! It should, of course, have read "2,500 m runway".

[Is it possible to produce a 'typo-free' Bulletin? We'll keep trying. Ed.]

## WHO ARE THE MICE OF MORESBY?

The Mice of Moresby are the men of the 55/53 Australian Infantry Battalion Association, and the formal handover of their memorabilia to the Glebe Library took place at the Library on 24 April. It was hosted by the Friends of Benedi, and dignitaries and members of the Association and the Glebe community were welcomed by President Alex Bell, and Margaret Whittaker, the Glebe Librarian.

Kris Cruden, the Mayor of Leichhardt, said the Municipality was honoured to receive and house the material which included letters, photographs, medals, uniforms, ration packs, the Padre's stole and communion set, currency, newspapers, etc. etc. which would be of great benefit to researchers and historians.

Rusty Priest, the State President of the RSL, making a presentation to two sons of a veteran who had made the memorabilia cabinet, said it would also benefit young people who knew of war only from television which glorified it - "the veterans" he said, "abhorred war", and the material may prompt them to ask questions of those who had taken part.

Max Solling told us that both the 55th and the 53rd Battalions had strong Glebe connections and many who enlisted for overseas service did so at the Forest Lodge Drill Hall in Hereford Street; many others came from Balmain, Annandale, Rozelle, Leichhardt and Lilyfield. The last surviving Gallipoli veteran in NSW is 101 year old Fred Kelly who was a member of the 53rd Battalion.

The Mice of Moresby were generous financial supporters of the restoration of the Glebe Diggers Memorial in Foley Park, and members have attended all the early morning Anzac services there since they resumed five years ago. They intended to be there again at 7.30 am on 25 April, 1998, before going into town for the March.

Why are you called the 'Mice of Moresby?' I asked Warwick Davis and Trevor Harper, two Association members. Well, they said, it was Lord Haw Haw who coined the term 'the Rats of Tobruk' referring to Australian soldiers in the Middle East who were cornered by the German army in a particular battle; and it was Tokyo Rose who disparagingly called the 55/53 men their little brothers, 'the Mice of Moresby', scurrying around in their holes while under attack from the Japanese army. The 55/53 men decided to ignore the insult, and to adopt the name with pride.

Bobbie Burke

## A Letter to the Editor



Dear Madam

I would like to make some comments on Fiona Campbell's article "Introduction of Another Traffic Conduit for Glebe" in the March/April Bulletin.

Although I can see the advantages from a recreational point of view of closing off Francis Street from Glebe Point Road, there are other considerations which lead me to favour the present arrangement of making Francis Street one way from Glebe Point Road to Bay Street.

It has been estimated that motor vehicle exhaust emissions are responsible for 75% of the air pollution over Sydney, and this proportion is increasing as more motor vehicles are registered, and as businesses encourage car use by providing parking space for their clients.

If traffic from Glebe Point Road was unable to enter Francis Street, it would either have to turn down Cowper St. or continue on to Broadway, thus having to travel a greater distance to get to the shopping centre and, necessarily, creating more pollution.

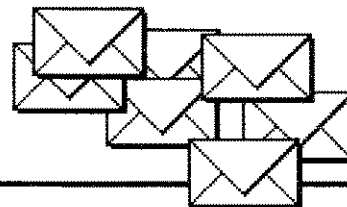
The availability of parking spaces at the Broadway Shopping Centre should help businesses in Glebe Point Road and, finally, the choice is not between closing off Francis Street and having it open both ways.

All things considered, as an environmentally aware pedestrian, I prefer the present arrangement.

Ian Edwards

Do you have anything to say?

We would be glad to have letters - or articles  
- on any matters of interest to Glebe,  
on any topic raised in the Bulletin  
or on any issues relating to  
The Glebe Society.



Write to:  
PO Box 100  
Glebe 2037

## REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MACINDOE

### Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College

On Tuesday 7 April, the Governor-General, Sir William Dean, opened a First Aid Course to be run at the College. Sir William spoke of the gap between the life expectancies of indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and how the course was an example of the two groups co-operating to help close that gap.

The course is jointly sponsored by the Red Cross Society and the Sydney CBD Rotary Club, and I took the opportunity to invite the Presidents of both organisations to visit Glebe less formally. Both these women, and many others I spoke to, expressed their delight at the beauty of the area.

I also took the opportunity, along with other members of The Glebe Society, to inspect the incomplete extensions at Tranby and, while I appreciate the concerns of residents who feel they are out of character, they appear to be well-designed and of good quality, given the constraints of the site. The windows are especially attractive, built of recycled ironbark from a demolished woolstore. Ironbark is one of the timbers that grew in Glebe, and may even have originated here. It is a condition of the Development Application that the exterior of the new building be rendered and painted to match the front.

### SHOPPING BUS

At its last meeting, the Management Committee discussed the desirability of having a shopping bus route established to take residents to the new Broadway Shopping Centre. Several options were presented, of varying lengths and coverage. It was agreed that I should go ahead with a submission to Sydney Buses, with copies to Leichhardt Council, the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, Walker Corporation (The Broadway Shopping Centre) and Sandra Nori, who was instrumental in obtaining the bus to Leichhardt Marketown when the original Grace Bros. stores closed.

The Society is suggesting that a small bus, possibly electric-powered and operating frequently (at least during major shopping hours) be seriously considered. It would reduce the need for private transport, and hence air pollution, and it would also serve the older residents of the area who do not drive.



I will report on reactions in due course.

Jeanette Knox

### Wigram Road Kerb Gardens

The kerb gardens of Wigram Road are the result of a road reconstruction that enabled Council to install them without cost to ratepayers. This extraordinary set of circumstances is unlikely to recur often.

The size of the plants in the gardens, plus the overhang from residents' gardens, make it difficult for two people to walk abreast in some sections. Plants have been trimmed back in these sections to make walking together more comfortable.

The gardens have become quite famous. I have received many admiring comments from residents of Balmain and other municipalities, especially when the gardens are in full flower in spring. Thanks to the many residents who help to maintain them and add extra plants.

### Traffic Lights

New traffic lights have been installed at the intersection of Johnston St and The Crescent, a notorious accident black spot. So far they appear to be successful. This represents a victory for residents over the RTA, who claimed for many years that lights would not work in this location because of the intersection's complexity.

Traffic lights have also been installed at Bay and Francis Sts, Bay and Smail Sts, and Bay St and Wentworth Park Road as part of the traffic management for the new Broadway Shopping Centre. Glebe Street has been closed at Cowper Street. Traffic and pedestrian movements will be closely monitored. At this stage (two weeks after the unofficial opening) the arrangements are working quite well. Minor changes are being made daily as problems emerge.

### The ~~Abbey~~, Bridge Road

There are two applications for the site, one for three function centres, the other for residential use. I have called a public meeting to discuss the future of the site which will be held at 7 pm on Thursday 28 May in Glebe Town Hall.

### Victoria Park Pool

Just a reminder, especially for those who suffer from back problems like myself, that this pool is now heated all winter and has renovated change rooms and a cafe. Although it is officially in South Sydney, many people regard it as Glebe's pool.

Neil Macindoe



## THE GLEBE BOOK FAIR

**Sunday 24 May** \*\* Please note change of date

The Book Fair is being held as part of the celebrations for Glebe Library's first birthday, and to promote and celebrate Glebe as Sydney's major suburb for books and bookshops. Starting with a literary breakfast, the programme will include readings by local authors and poets in bookshops and cafes, and writing competitions organised by the NSW Writers' Centre (with publication in The City Hub weekly newspaper). It will end with a late afternoon Literati Party at the Toxteth Hotel at 4 pm when results of the writer's competition will be announced. The Chamber of Commerce will be promoting these events.

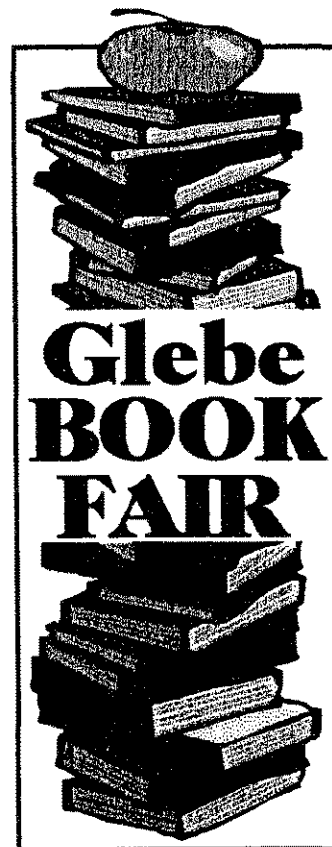
Because the Sydney Writers' Festival will still be running on Sunday 17 May, the Glebe Book Fair is now being held on Sunday 24 May.

### CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKSHELVES!

Many community stalls will be selling secondhand books on the lawn at the Glebe Library. We are asking members to donate books and magazines to the Friends of Benledi stall (phone Ros Wheeler on 9660. 7430 or take them along on the day). The Friends would appreciate volunteers to work on their stall for an hour or two. The Society will have a Membership Stall, and would be glad of help (phone Alison McKeown on 9660. 3917 a.h.).

For details and more information:

ring Chris Newton (Glebe Library Committee) on 9660. 8349  
or Ken Burgin (Glebe Chamber of Commerce) on 0414 - 660. 550



## TRIAL RUN TO OLYMPIC PARK

The Glebe Route #002 averaged about 1,500 patrons per day, and was therefore considered a viable service for next year. I personally recommend this way of getting to and from the Show, it took about 50 minutes there, and 40 on the way back. We are fortunate to have such a convenient service at our doorstep.

I notice that on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council Traffic Committee is Cr Kate Butler's concern regarding Show buses parking in unrestricted areas in Federal Road. If anything major eventuates from the meeting I will report to members.

A representative of ORTA (Olympics RTA), advised that queuing had occurred because they were uncertain of the demand for this year's show; two other pick-up points had the same problem. He thought that, because of the experience gained this year, it should only be necessary to have a maximum of two buses waiting in Federal Road next year.


## ... AND A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE SHOW ...

I was very pleased with the new surroundings at Homebush. I hadn't been to the Show for perhaps 40 years. Most of the buildings are wonderful, such as the Dome which houses the District Exhibitions and much more, and the wood-chopping stadium, with tall wooden poles being part of the structure. Of course, everything is dwarfed by the huge Olympic Arena next door.

An amusing story from the splendid Clydesdale Pavilion (made in a pre-fabricated form from huge recycled beams by the wood-workers from the Northern Rivers area) ... the pavilion contained eight huge Clydesdales, one a gentle mare called Elle. She was in a stall with a wide door, and was being patted and stroked by adults and children alike. I saw her move from one side of the door to the other, and several adults saw that she was eyeing the straw hat of a young child, aged perhaps five or six. It was clear that she was thinking "morning tea", but we managed to save the child's hat from the jaws of Elle.

John Hoddinott

# Notice Board

On Monday 11 May there will be a meeting of the Friends Residents and Ratepayers of the Gully - FRRoGS 

**Guest Speaker:** Ted Floyd, from Friends of the Earth  
**Topic:** How to read the topography of our local catchment  
Its relationship to the wider catchment region  
*Does water run downhill?*

The meeting will be at the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre, Councillors Room, ground floor (enter through Mt Vernon Street).  
**All welcome**

David Trebilko, Transport Planner from Leichhardt Council will address the next meeting of the Management Committee (12 May) on Light Rail

If you would like to attend, please let us know - contact the Secretary, Christine Stewart, on 9660. 8324.

## Laos: Heart of the Mekong

A series of photographs from Laos and Cambodia will be on display in the library from  
Wednesday 6 May to 20 May 1998.

sponsored by AID/WATCH working to inform the public where their aid dollar is being spent.

## A HERITAGE WEEK EVENT IN GLEBE SATURDAY 2 MAY SYDNEY FISHMARKETS WALK

Cr Neil Macindoe will lead you through the Lyndhurst Estate and Wentworth Park to the Fishmarkets, one of the best loved attractions of Sydney. On the way back along the waterfront, the group will visit the Glebe incinerator, built by Walter Burley Griffin, designer of the nation's capital, Canberra.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**Meet at 10 am at Glebe Post Office, cnr. Glebe Point and St. Johns Rds.**

**Cost \$10, concession \$5.**

All proceeds to the Glebe Diggers' Memorial, and the Glebe Rowing Club.

## Sunday Lunch

The next lunch will be at the  
**Lilac Chinese Restaurant**  
333b Glebe Point Road at 12.30 on 10 May  
(Mothers' Day).



Please ring Ian Edwards on 9660. 3240 so that a reservation can be made.

**Hope to see you there.**

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## Traditional Jazz - LIVE !!



Do you like foot tapping to live traditional jazz?  
Resident band "The Bloweys"  
Open session for jamming musicians

**Come to the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre -  
upstairs - Friday 1 May at 8.00**

**Great music in a smoke-free environment!**

**\$10 entrance**



## For Your Diary ...

Friday 1 May  
 Saturday 2 May  
 Sunday 3 May

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Wednesday 6 May

Friday 8 May

Sunday 10 May

Monday 11 May

Tuesday 12 May

Tuesday 19 May

Saturday 23 May

Sunday 24 May

Tuesday 26 May

Thursday 28 May

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 4 July

**Traditional Jazz**, see Notice Board

**Fishmarkets Walk**, see Notice Board

**Glebe Point Walking Tour**

1.30 - 3.30 \$10 - inquiries 9552. 1546

**Sze Yup Chinese Temple Tour**

3.00 Bookings essential - inquiries 9552. 1546

**Laos: Heart of the Mekong** - Glebe Library

7 - 8.30 pm Opening of Photographic Exhibition

**First Anniversary Party - Friends of Benledi**

see March/April Bulletin, p9

**Society Lunch, all welcome** - see Notice Board

**FROGGS Meeting**, see Notice Board

**Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting**

7.30 - Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room

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**Glebe Society Strategic Planning Session**

10 am - ring Russell Stewart 9660. 8324

**Book Fair** - Glebe Library, see article p9

**Leichhardt Council General Meeting**

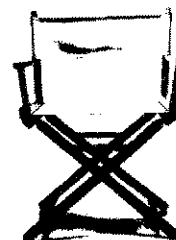
7.00 - Council Chambers

**Public Meeting Hamilton/The Abbey/Reussdale**

7.00 - Glebe Town Hall

**Progressive Dinner** - Details in next Bulletin

## The Glebe Society Inc



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Monday and Wednesday      9.30 am - 8.00 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday  
and Friday                      9.30 am - 5.30 pm  
Saturday                         9.00 am - 12 noon

Phone: 9367. 9262                      Fax: 9518. 9483

The Local History Collection includes books, maps, newspaper cuttings, Council publications, etc. relating to the Leichhardt Municipality.

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The Glebe Chamber of Commerce meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at the meeting room in the Toxteth Hotel.

If there is any matter you would like to bring before the Chamber, you are invited to contact:

Gay Kalnins (Secretary)  
ph: 9552. 1546; fax: 9552. 1714

and arrange to come to a meeting.

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