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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY INC

- given at the Annual General Meeting 30 August 1998

When I first took on the President's role, I found it quite daunting. There was no major on-going campaign in progress. Nonetheless there were many pots simmering on the fire - frequently involving contentious issues.

Lacking the background knowledge of existing policies or the usual way of handling things, I was grateful to be extricated from dilemmas on numerous occasions, particularly by Mavis McCarthy, our Immediate Past President.

I quickly came to admire the dedication given to the issues which affect all of us - often in the face of years of being ignored by people skilled in that art.

For instance, aircraft noise - an increasing problem emanating from the lack of alternatives to Kingsford Smith Airport - a monument to indecisive politicians. Alison McKeown has an amazing knowledge of the facts and figures - and not easily impressed with efforts to solve the problem.

On the other hand, the light rail is up and running - which is good for anyone who wants to go where it does. Bruce Davis's efforts have raised awareness that if it comes to Glebe, they have to make it less awkward to get to.

Speaking of 'awkward to get to', Jeanette Knox's pursuit of the idea of a circulating shopping bus makes a lot of sense. Even though there seems to be quite a bureaucratic fog to push through, I am confident it will happen.

The plans for Wentworth Park, despite Judy Vergison's best efforts, seem to be lying in a dusty pigeonhole somewhere. They have promised that the plan will be implemented after the Olympics, so we will keep working on it ...

Then there is the extraordinary debacle of Minogue Reserve. Knowing how scarce and precious any parkland is in that part of Glebe, it seems like a bad joke to wake up and find it has been asphalted over, the public interest and year of planning by a specially constituted committee treated with arrogant contempt.

John Hoddinott keeps his finger on the pulse of development in Glebe. The protection of Glebe heritage is one of the main reasons for our existence. Personally I find it sad to see the Abbey coming down in the world - in all probability - to be part of a residential development. It is a large building with a grand interior space (reflecting its ecclesiastical origins) although seeing the altar converted to a bar does take a bit of getting used to! It is a pity to lose it.

At last a new edition of *Historic Glebe* is soon to appear, thanks to Jeanette Knox, Max Solling and Chris Stewart.

This year has been characterised by a lively *Glebe Society Bulletin*, full of interesting material. Many thanks to Bobbie Burke who has us all on a strict timetable to get the material in on time.

Ian Edwards keeps a watchful (and sceptical) eye on the changes affecting the bays and foreshores. There are many interested parties emerging (or lurking) who do not necessarily share our ideal of public access to the waterfront - leading to a pedestrian (maybe also cycle) way from Annandale to the City. Marianne von Knobelsdorff and Ian have worked hard to organise a ferry trip to make us familiar with the

foreshores - which will take place, as you probably all know by now, on September 13.

Judy Vergison has done a great - and very professional - job in helping us through a planning exercise. It is healthy to take stock now and again to see where best to commit our energies and resources. Her friend Janice was very generous in giving her time and expertise free of charge to help us through the first planning morning.

To all the other members of the Management Committee - particularly Penny Haskins and John Sleeman, who have the onerous tasks of dealing with finance and sorting out membership lists, I just say "thank you" for all your contributions - and for making the Management Committee meetings so lively and stimulating. I suspect members might start to take up our standing invitation to attend if they realised that they are quite good fun! We are all grateful to Shaughn Murphy for making the Toxteth Hotel meeting room (and catering!) generously available to us.

Now, before I finish, we have travelled the year without a Senior Vice-President. I am sure anyone interested in taking that role or, for that matter, joining the Management Committee, would find it as interesting and enjoyable as I have. So - when you read this - please have a good think about it. Feel free to talk to me or anyone else on the Management Committee. After all, Glebe will be what we want it to be if we are all willing to get involved.

Russell Stewart

HIGHLIGHTS

from the **GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**



Historic Glebe Booklet

This little booklet which helps people discover the 'historic' Glebe was out-of-date because of the many changes in our suburb. It was written by our historian, Max Solling, who has recently met with Jeanette Knox and Chris Stewart to update the publication. It will be reprinted soon and available from the Society and Glebebooks for \$5.

July Progressive Dinner

We have decided to donate \$500 from the funds raised at our Progressive Dinner to The Glebe Youth Service to help with renovations to their new premises. This was presented to the Service at their fund-raising function at Darling Mills on 26 August.

The Glebe Society Banner

We are researching the best means to have a banner made to drop over our display table at various functions to help promote the Society. Anyone who can help with suggestions please ring Alison McKeown on 9660 3917.

Christmas Picnic

We will have our Christmas Picnic at Benedi, and in the grounds of the Library at 5.00 on Sunday 6 December. All members are welcome. Bring a plate of food and something to drink - and join us!

Environment

Christine Whittemore has been reviewing the Council's new Town Plan and working on an Environmental Policy for Glebe. She will consider and report on the chart Council has prepared regarding Tree Planting and Removal.

Planning

We have written to congratulate Leichhardt Council on their support for the building and restoration of small detached houses; we feel this preserves the character and diversity of the area.

Traffic

Jeanette Knox has done considerable work on the Council's traffic plan for Glebe. She opposes the idea of a roundabout at Wigram/Glebe Point Road (see her yearly report on traffic in Bulletin 5/98); on the other hand she recommends a roundabout at the St Johns/Wentworth Park intersection. Also being discussed is the idea of both Ferry and Forsyth Streets being made one-way streets - one 'up' and one 'down'.

Taking Sydney Beyond 2000

We welcome the initiative of the Council of the City of Sydney in inviting submissions to their 'Living City' Plan. Judy Vergison has taken up the invitation with particular regard to Wentworth Park - key points of her submission will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

All correspondence to Society contact people should be sent -

c/- The Glebe Society Inc
PO Box 100
Glebe 2037

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In our recent planning activities, a phrase that sticks in my mind is 'enrich the lives of people who live in Glebe' - that is, as something The Glebe Society is committed to. We are not talking about financial prosperity.

For instance, as you walk through Glebe you experience a kaleidoscope of constantly shifting shapes - chimneys, roofs, iron lace, frangipanni - all in delicious disarray, much of it a visual reminder of life 100 or more years ago.

Life is enriched by the availability of interesting cultural things to do - cinemas such as the Vainalla, and now Hoyts in The Broadway Shopping Centre, the new Library, art (including the Glebe Art Show), music (the annual music festival, and the FRROGS concert - see p7), and no doubt many other activities I have overlooked.

The potential for new walkways, or the chance to get out into Blackwattle Bay in boats is another potentially enriching dimension.

So is the removal of things which diminish our lives - the constant scourge of visible rubbish in the streets. If we can help in some way to remove the fear of crime, that will be an important step in enriching all our lives.

A young person's life, in particular, can be made miserable by being bullied by gangs. We should take any opportunity we can to help stamp out this kind of crime - which is destructive not only to the victim, but also the perpetrators.

So there it is - to enrich the life of this community, in the words of the song we need to:

*aaaa-centuate the positive
eeee-eliminate the negative ...*



Russell Stewart

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Members met at the President's house in Toxteth Road and accepted the minutes of the previous AGM, the Treasurer's Report and reports from sub-Committees published with the last *Bulletin*. Reports from FRROGs and the Archivist are on p5 of this issue. Convenors present at the meeting updated their reports where necessary.

The President reported on his first year in the office [see p1] and Councillor Macindoe commented on various items of interest to Society members, and answered questions.

All previous office bearers were elected for a further year; Andrew Wood, a past President of the Society, agreed to accept a place on the Management Committee.

The meeting then addressed the matter of the draft Strategic Plan 1998 - 2001, and a correction was made in regard to issue (9); it now applies to noise generally, not specifically aircraft noise. The meeting endorsed the Plan and undertook to review it at the 1999 AGM.

Judy Vergison gave some detail as to how the eleven key issues were arrived at, how they had been rated for urgency, impact, and as to what role the Society should aim to play; each one of the eleven being assigned one or more of the following codes:

- M - Monitor
- R - React
- S - Strategy/ policy direction
- CD - Campaign driver

The five issues where the Society aims to be the 'Campaign driver' were:

- to ensure Glebe is conserved and recognised as a heritage area; (issue 1)
- to free the streets, parks, waterways and commercial areas of rubbish, litter and graffiti; (issue 2)
- to provide a foreshore walkway/ cycleway from Bicentennial Park to the city; (issue 3)
- to protect Glebe from overdevelopment, high rise/ high density; (issue 8)
- to improve and protect the quality of parks and open spaces (including waterways); (issue 11)

Issues (2) and (3) both scored a High Impact/ High Urgency rating.

Some of those at the meeting undertook to become involved in project teams which would decide on ways to work on the targeted issues. Other members are invited to look at the Description of Key Issues [p2 of the last *Bulletin*] contact Judy Vergison -phone 9692. 9200- if there is a particular issue about which they feel strongly enough to work to achieve a result.

The next Management Committee meeting (9 September) will review the Society's current list of sub-Committees in the light of the endorsed Strategic Plan.

[Starting right now on issue 11 - see notice on this page seeking your ideas on the Glebe Environment. Ed.]

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you have not yet renewed your membership of The Glebe Society Inc. we would be very glad to receive your payment. A renewal form was enclosed with the last issue. Please complete and return to:

PO Box 100, Glebe 2037

LET'S HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE GLEBE ENVIRONMENT !

Christine Whittemore, Convenor of the Society's Environment sub-Committee will be available between 11 am - 1 pm at:

Noora Cafe

[opposite the Glebe Library, next to the Park Pharmacy]
Glebe Point Road on five consecutive SUNDAYS

- 20 September
- 27 September
- 4 October
- 11 October
- 18 October

to hear your comments, ideas, suggestions about issues affecting the environment in Glebe, including:

- litter, and rubbish removal
- graffiti
- public open space
- landscaping
- significant trees
- heritage plantings
- period gardens
- bush regeneration
- visual quality
- air and water pollution

and any other relevant matters members and friends may wish to include.



So join her
for a cup of coffee and a chat.

All welcome

THE CHANGING FACE OF GLEBE

The Fink Site: 461-465 Glebe Point Road

There has been a D.A. lodged to keep current usage on this site. This may present a problem, as such an approval would reduce the likelihood of the site becoming residential. Consequently the public may miss out on the waterfront walkway, which would be obligatory for a residential development, but does not necessarily follow from a continuation of present usage, no matter how much the public loves the coffee shop there.

The former Children's Hospital: Bridge Road, Camperdown

This site has been sold by the State Government for residential development and will contain perhaps 700 units, with on-site parking. As well as residential there seems to be the possibility of a mixture of retail and commercial use. In my submission for the Society, many months ago, I suggested that this could be a useful variant on the traditional residential-only structure for large local developments. I expect to attend, as Sandra Nori's representative, a meeting of the South Sydney City Council's Traffic Committee (SSCCTC) in the next few months to discuss the significant impact of traffic generation which will result from this new development.

The Broadway Shopping Centre:

I receive the agenda for the SSCCTC, most of which lies in the electorate of Bligh, represented by Ms Clover Moore, MP, and I have no say in those matters, nor would I wish to, as they cover some extremely difficult inner-city areas in terms of traffic management. However, at a future meeting there will be a discussion on traffic generation matters concerning Broadway - the Mountain Street area, parking restrictions, and a proposed large new residential development on what I think is the parking station behind the Phoenician Club. As this will mix in with the traffic generated from The Broadway Shopping Centre, I will attend the meeting to express what I hope may be useful points of view.

A major problem with that area is that the Shopping Centre is under Leichhardt Council's management while the other three matters are controlled by the South Sydney City Council - Bay Street being the dividing line between the two Councils. I hope soon that there will be a 'Community Bus Stop Only' zone, sufficient for two small community buses (run by Leichhardt Council, for example), and two taxi set-down spots for wheelchair-carrying taxis in Bay Street near the escalators, where there is a lift for wheelchair access, and where there should soon be a chair and pram ramp to the Centre's ground floor level. That area, between Grose and Francis Streets, is currently a 'No Stopping' zone, this change has to be approved by the RTA, and I expect no difficulty. There is a possibility of Sydney Buses initiating a public bus service in the area, but nothing has been decided yet. I will support such an idea if and when it arises at both Councils' Traffic Committees.

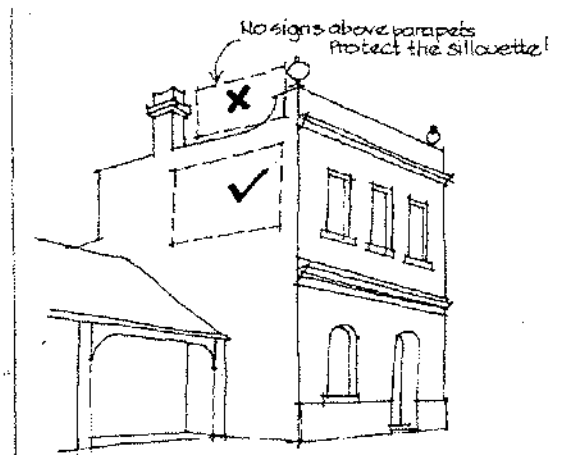


FIGURE 3 UPPER LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Bidura: 357 Glebe Point Road

Expressions of Interest in Bidura have been received and I understand that there were seven. I have no more information apart from that, but will try to learn something, perhaps for the next Bulletin.

Kerribree (The Royal College of Nursing): 53-55 Hereford Street

Expressions of Interest are now also being called for this large building which has a heritage order on it, and so should be pretty safe; there are some new classrooms at the back which could easily be demolished, but the fabric of the old building will have to be preserved. I will keep my eye on it.

Bridge Water Estate: Oxley Street

Several people have brought to my attention the matter of the Bridge Water Estate, to be developed on the old Harbour Lighterage site in Oxley Street. The ads, and the flyer which many of us received in our letter boxes, show an 'artist's rendition' of the site for 19 units. Of concern is the appearance of a swimming pool on reclaimed land into Blackwattle Bay and a not inconsiderable marina beyond it. The waterfront walkway is, as far as I can ascertain, only five metres, but I stand to correction on that. I haven't been able to discover the truth of the 'rendition' but if one marina goes ahead, you can be sure that every other development in Glebe will clamour for its own; see the obvious ones above. I will have something definite for the next Bulletin.

The temporary change to traffic flow in the Oxley/Stewart/Leichhardt Street area was approved by Council's Traffic Committee and the full Council, with conditions - such as limited hours, not on Sundays, and flagmen having to control the short-term change in traffic direction. The trucks used in the Council-approved demolition, and for the eventual construction (which I believe still requires final Council approval) are of such a size that special measures were requested; this is a normal procedure in many parts of the Municipality where 19th century roads have to cope with 20th century vehicles.

John Hoddinott

THE ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

During this year I have concentrated on the arrangement and description of the records already in hand with a view to preparing them for more secure and accessible storage.

Descriptive documentation has been completed for some of the more important record series, including constitutional records, Annual General Meetings, and minutes of the Management Committee. The series of general correspondence and correspondence with various government bodies is at present being prepared for listing.

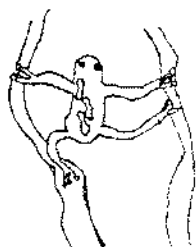
As part of the process of documentation, the records are generally 'tidied up' physically and placed into archival quality containers.

The source materials collected by Alison McKeown in the course of her valuable work as Convenor of the Aircraft sub-Committee have been forwarded to the Marrickville Library for its Resource Centre on issues related to Sydney Kingsford-Smith Airport. (The materials include copies of government publications, minutes and publications of the many interest groups, etc., which are outside the collecting policy of the Society.) We will eventually receive a copy of the Resource Centre's documentation, so that the material we have donated can be retrieved if required. Copies of the Aircraft sub-Committee's reports, and the submissions it has prepared on behalf of the Society are, of course, retained in our Archives.

Among the additions to the collection this year have been the press clipping books faithfully maintained by various members of the Society since its inauguration.

Two town planning students (one international) have been given access to the *Glebe Society Bulletin* and other publications to assist them with their course work.

Lyn Milton



By and large this year has been quieter for the Friends, Residents and Ratepayers of Orphan School Creek Gully. Some may say 'a longer hibernation period due to seasonal fluctuations'. The rezoning and eventual recent sale of the old Children's Hospital site, and still unresolved proposed land exchange between the Department of Health and Leichhardt Council, has meant a prolonged waiting period, since we are reluctant to finalise details of the revegetation strategy until the boundaries are clearly defined on the edges of the Gully.

In the interim we have opted for bi-monthly public meetings, monthly bird watching walks and working bees on the last Sunday of every month.

The bird survey has been underway for about 18 months and will eventually be a publishable document.

Our revegetation strategy aims to replicate the dense under-canopy, enhance the upper storey, and retain the landform. This will maintain the Gully's status as a sanctuary while still allowing easy access for people.

The FRROGs diary for this year records:

- On-going maintenance of the trial planting on the embankment at Foss Street.
- Partial clearing of weeds choking an existing native planting at the edge of the Gully near Creek Street.
- Negotiations with Leichhardt Council to link the gardens of the new large development (at the bottom of Wigram Road near the canal) to the Gully with appropriate native plantings.

This will extend the green corridor as a safe passageway for small birds. Eventually Council plans to further extend this safe passageway by planting a line of appropriate vegetation (based on FRROGs strategy) down to Rozelle Bay.

YEARLY REPORT FROM THE FRROGS

- The successful application to South Sydney City Council to match Leichhardt Council's donation of \$1000 to enable us to hold a fundraising and promotional concert. \$500 was contributed by Sydney Water and Ray White Real Estate of Glebe has also been most generous in donating \$350. We have been able to schedule the event for 27 September. [see p7]
- An application was submitted in March to the Natural Heritage Trust for a \$10,000 grant to trial three separate quadrats (a bush regeneration term for a square or rectangular block of land to be revegetated) on chosen sites in the Gully to test the impact of planting species in land fill.

This will pre-empt the mosaic system of clearing and planting necessary to maintain critical amounts of habitat, thus limiting the disturbance to species which are reliant on the Gully's vegetation. The outcome of this application will be known later in the year.

Our immediate goals are:

- to establish a positive and interactive working partnership with the developers and landscape architects working on the plans for the residential development of the old Children's Hospital site;
- to provide the list of plants from our revegetation strategy to assist anyone interested in planting gardens which are friendly to small native birds;
- to see some of the outstanding issues of the Gully resolved and to begin some hands-on work in the Gully itself.

We look forward to another year of working in partnership with The Glebe Society to improve and maintain the natural wild sites of our local area.

Roberta Johnston

BLACKWATTLE AND ROZELLE BAYS:

Meeting 20 August

The second stakeholders meeting in connection with the Master Plan for Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays [see *Bulletin* 5/98] took place at the Office of Marine Administration in Kent Street on 20 August. I was able to distribute a copy of our Bays and Foreshores policy to all participants.

We were presented with a preliminary draft plan for the two bays, which was not as unacceptable as I feared it might be. The planners had obviously taken into account the concerns of local residents, and appeared willing to listen to any further suggestions.

One unavoidable weakness of the plan is that it has no authority over what activities take place on the water, and so will be unable to prevent the intrusion into the bays of any vessel which is able to penetrate the barrier of the old Glebe Island Bridge.

My other main concern is that as the plan allows for buildings along the shoreline marked for 'legitimate waterfront use', it does nothing to increase pedestrian access to the foreshore. The view walking along the north west side of Pyrmont Bridge Road will continue to be spoilt by the hideous Pioneer Concrete depot, possibly until the year 2001, when their lease expires.

We will all have the opportunity to comment when the plans are displayed (probably in the Glebe Library) in a few weeks time.

No date is known at the time of writing nor is there any information yet available regarding a public meeting to discuss the plans; the Precinct Co-ordinator at Leichhardt Council, Janet Martin (phone: 9367.9046) may have the details as they are available.

Ian Edwards

MINOGUE RESERVE:

Workshop 24 August

Minogue Reserve is an important small park, precinct and thoroughfare linking Francis Street, other streets and lanes, Glebe Point Road and approaches to The Broadway Shopping Centre. Its hasty 'development' prior to the opening of Broadway has been a disaster. Leichhardt Council held a second Community Workshop at Glebe Library's *Benledi* on 24 August to develop a Management Plan and a better outcome for the Reserve.

Matthew Taylor of D.M. Taylor Landscape Architects conducted the workshop and four major points were identified from the previous workshop in June, where it was clear people wanted:

- more 'green',
- more lighting,
- pathway links through the Reserve, and
- reduction of noise levels to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

Slides were shown of elements in parks elsewhere, including playground equipment, surface types, bleachers for sitting, and colourful flags. Participants then formed three groups and were asked to draw and write in their ideas for the Reserve on maps provided. (It is worth noting that the existing sculptures did not feature in the ideas of any of the participants!) This input will contribute to formulation of the draft Management Plan.

It was agreed that Council should proceed with preparation and exhibition of a draft Management Plan, and that Stage I of the work would increase 'greening' (within the scope of the plan's direction) and would take place before Christmas 1998. Looking forward, Stage II would include surfaces, play equipment and lighting.

My understanding is that Council has approved \$14,000 for work on the Reserve, and that Broadway will pay for the play equipment. Council has \$800,000 in bond for works to be done by Broadway. The participants felt that as Council, Broadway and the community are all stakeholders in Minogue, planning and funding should come together.

Alison McKeown

LIGHT RAIL:

Workshop 26 August

The workshop was organised by the Department of Transport as part of the process for gaining approval from the Minister for Planning for the light rail western extension. If all goes well, construction work will begin early next year and the extension to Lilyfield should be operational by the end of 1999.

No improvements to access to the Glebe light rail stop will be recommended to the Government. Despite the Society's arguments - over a long period - that the light rail should include either a Glebe Point Road stop, or better access to the planned stop near Lower Avon Street, cost and pessimistic passengers forecasts have torpedoed our hopes.

The Society was a lone voice at the workshop. The engineers who prepared the designs ruled out an escalator because it would cost about \$1.5 million, and they expect most Glebe people will prefer to use the bus service to the city. The only concessions are likely to be better lighting in the steep lower section of Palmerston Avenue, and it is possible that Leichhardt Council may improve the steps.

There is better news for residents of the Wentworth Park area as plans now include a footbridge along the side of the existing railway bridge which will give access from the corner of Bridge Road and Railway Street. Initially the bridge will be accessible only by steps, but provision for a lift for disabled access is expected to be included in the planning consent.

Access to the Jubilee Park stop near the corner of Victoria and Maxwell Streets will be by a ramp from street level and an elevated timber walkway will be built along the side of the artificial hill near the old tram sheds to give access from the park and Annandale.

The stops will be similar in appearance to the Wentworth Park stop, and will include seats, shelters, telephones and bicycle racks. There will be no provision for commuter parking near either stop, and Council will monitor parking to determine whether 'residents' only restrictions are necessary.

Bruce Davis

WATCHING BIRDS WITH FRROGS



- THE FRIENDS, RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS OF ORPHAN GULLY

For those of you not familiar with the Orphan School Creek Gully (enter at the bottom end of Hereford Street or the bottom of Foss Street) it is an easy and pleasant walk following a wide and flat walkway meandering along the course of the original creek line. The Gully's present vegetation has mostly evolved naturally through bird droppings, though some trees have been planted by local residents at various intervals.

The creek itself has been contained within stormwater pipes since about 1925. On either side of the path are two parallel steep banks running the

length of the Gully which are densely vegetated, and contain large clumps of lantana scattered throughout which provides the only safe shelter for small birds in the Gully. The adjacent former Children's Hospital site and The Gully are home and resource to possums, flying foxes and quite a variety of native birds, and a remnant lizard population.

It is important to note that unusual sightings are being added to our existing list of native birds for the Glebe area; birds such as the Leaden Fly Catcher and the White Naped Honey Eater are significant visitors to the Gully. Their limited presence

encourages our expectation that providing more suitable habitat in the Gully will increase small and unusual native bird numbers in the area. We are recording feral as well as native birds in order to assess the impact of the gradual change from weeds and exotic trees to native vegetation that will provide shelter nesting habitat and all year round food resource particularly suited to small native birds.

You may have noticed the currawong has been getting bad press lately. It is well known that its effectiveness as a predator, and its large numbers, are having a destructive impact on small birds. This situation can be counteracted through the provision of more suitable habitat for small birds.



The monthly bird watching walks are a very pleasant way to start the day. Judy Christie, a member of FRROGS, is an experienced bird watcher and supervises the bird watching walks and the bird survey. If you notice unusual birds in your area, Judy would be glad to hear from you - and if you are interested in joining the bird watching walks, please feel welcome. Walks are held on the last Sunday of each month and start at 9 am in the winter and 8.30 am during summer. Following the bird-watching, FRROGS conducts working bees in the immediate area of the Gully starting at 10 am all year round - bring gloves and small hand tools.

FRROGS meets bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre, in the Glebe Town Hall, St. Johns Road.

For more details contact Judy - 9660. 8309 or Roberta - 9552. 3248.

Roberta Johnston

FRROGS

To raise funds and promote the value of wild sites
in our urban community

a Concert will be held in St John's Parish Hall
St John's Road

Sunday 27 September
from 3.30 - 5.30pm

featuring:

Music by Martin Wesley-Smith
Performance by The Song Company

Clive Birch, bass baritone

🎵🎵 Liam Ridgeway on didgeridoo 🎵🎵

The concert will premiere a piece especially written for the Glebe Orphan School Creek Gully by Martin Wesley-Smith, performed by The Song Company, an internationally acclaimed *a capella* group.

Also on the programme is Wesley-Smith's celebrated piece 'Quito', as well as a song dedicated to Paul Robeson - a second premiere performance by Clive Birch and Liam Ridgeway.

Refreshments will be served at interval.

Tickets \$15 / \$7.50

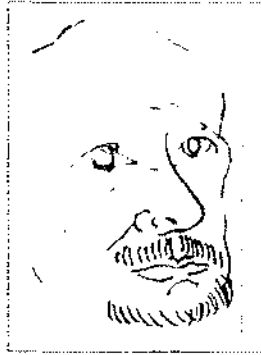
Pay at the door - or book through Gleebooks

Notice Board

JOHN OGBURN EXHIBITION

Readers are invited to the opening of the 31st independent exhibition of paintings and drawings by Glebe artist and Glebe Society member, John Ogburn, on **Sunday 11 October from 10 am.**

At 2 pm John will give a short talk on his approach to painting during the year. The exhibition runs until Sunday 8 November at:



**Harrington Street Gallery,
17 Meagher Street, Chippendale**
Gallery hours are 10 am to 4 pm
Tuesday to Sunday (closed Monday)
For more information:
ph/fax: 9319. 7378

TRANBY ABORIGINAL COLLEGE
13 Mansfield Street Glebe

OPEN DAY

Thursday 10 September
9.30 - 11.30 am and 2 - 4 pm

Come in and be welcomed by staff, watch a video about the College, meet the students and see the recently completed extensions at Glebe's Aboriginal-owned, Aboriginal-managed community-based non-profit co-operative!

[Gold coin donation to support the College]

Local bus timetables

Free copies of timetables for local buses are available from Glebe Library - on the left of the main desk as you enter. Routes available include X31/431-434, 468 and 470, as well as some others.

A sign on a bus recently indicated that there would be a revision of bus scheduling in October this year.

FRIENDS OF BENLEDI
AND GLEBE LIBRARY

Monday 14 September at 7.30 pm
in the Benledi Community Room

"The Sands of Time"
Who lived in your house?
Who built it?

Margaret Penson, Local Studies Librarian
at Leichhardt Library,
will give a brief introduction to the use of
the Sands Directory.
Extremely useful for family historians.
All Welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Do you have any free time?
Would you like to help others?
Would extra \$ help you?

If you are available one or two mornings per week between 10 am and 12 noon, drivers and helpers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to frail aged and disabled people.

Cash payments are made daily.
(drivers \$19, helpers \$9)
Call Paul on 9566. 4635.

BLACKWATTLE STUDIOS MARKETS

Every Saturday
10am - 4 pm rain or shine.
Come down to the Studios at

465 Glebe Point Road
and browse through original works
created on site.
Marvellous gifts, homewares and furniture
at wholesale prices.
For more information call 0418 - 480. 587



Dogs welcome.

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For Your Diary ...

Wednesday	9 September	Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting 7.30 - Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room
Thursday	10 September	Tranby Aboriginal College Open Day 13 Mansfield Street Glebe - see Notice Board
Sunday	18 September	Ferry Trip - Depart Mazetta's Fisherman's Wharf 10.30 am, return about 12.00 in time for Sunday Lunch at the Fishmarkets
Monday	14 September	"Sands of Time" talk by Local Studies Librarian 7.30 pm Benedi Community Room - see Notice Board
Sunday	20 September	Your thoughts on the Glebe Environment sought ... 11 - 1 pm Noora Cafe, opp. Glebe Library, see notice p3
Wednesday	23 September	... deadline Bulletin copy ...
Sunday	27 September	FRROGS Bird watching walk - see article p7 8 am Orphan School Creek Gully
Sunday	27 September	Your thoughts on the Glebe Environment sought ... 11 - 1 pm Noora Cafe, opp. Glebe Library, see notice p3
Sunday	27 September	FRROGS Concert - see notice p7 3.30 - 5.30 pm St. John's Parish Hall, St. John's Road.
Tuesday	29 September	Leichhardt Council Meeting 7.00 - Council Chambers
Advance Notice		
11 October	8 November	John Ogden Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings Opening 10 am Sunday 11 October - see Notice Board
Sunday	6 December	Christmas Picnic at Benedi and Library grounds

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Combined Meeting Precincts 12 and 13
1st Wednesday each month - 7 pm

Precinct 14 - Glebe:

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Meets 4th Sunday each month - 10 am

The Glebe Library,
cnr Wigram and Glebe Point Rds.
is open as follows:

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

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GLEBE WEEK: *what an amazing place!*

Friday 4 September to Monday 14 September, 1998

FRIDAY 4

Buster Keaton's GO WEST with a new musical score. 7.30pm nightly at the Valhalla Cinema from 4-9 September, 166 Glebe Point Road. Bookings or info 9660 8050.

Australia's Political Earthquake: A Left Analysis of the One Nation Phenomenon. 6pm, Harold Park Hotel, 115 Wigram Road, Glebe. Bob Ellis, Writer, Film Director & Clive Hamilton, Director, Australia Institute.

SATURDAY 5

Briarbank Historical Building & Great Jumble Opportunity, 10am-2pm. This elegant old building is set in the grounds of Forest Lodge Public School, cnr Bridge Rd & Ross St. Light refreshments available - bargains at the jumble sale.

Glebe Waterfront Walk with Cr Nell MacIndoe, 10am-12noon. Meet Glebe Post Office, \$5/\$2 concession. History and stories about our waterfront, industry, rowing, ferries and Walter Burley Griffin incinerator. Funds raised will support Glebe Youth Centre and new boatshed for Glebe Rowing Club.

Experience Real Breadmaking Hellos Demeter Bakery, 9.30am-12.30pm. 65 Derwent Street. Learn how to bake bread from grinding to baking. Morning tea provided. Goodies to take home. \$15/\$10, \$45 family. This bake-in subject to numbers so bookings essential on 9660 2555.

Glebe Pub Crawl, 2pm-5pm. Led by Gay Kalnins of the Glebe Chamber of Commerce. First half, covering 6 of the 13 pubs. Meet at the Ancient Britain Hotel, cnr Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road then a leisurely sojourn to the others.

SUNDAY 6

Glebe Sporting Heroes - Past, Present, Future, 5-7pm. Harold Park Hotel, 115 Wigram Road. Presented by famous local historian, Sydney Swans, supporter, raconteur and undefeated boxer, Max Solling. There's nothing that Glebe does not excel in. Tall tales and true from the past, present and future.

MONDAY 7

Villains & Magistrates, 7pm. Glebe Courthouse, St Johns Road. An evening with local historian Max Solling. Hear about famous characters, highs and lows of Glebe. \$5/\$2. Funds go towards the new boatshed for Glebe Rowing Club.

TUESDAY 8

Community Information Expo, 10.30am, 9 Ross Street Glebe. A session for all community workers - come and meet other workers of Glebe. Ring Lyn Edge, 9660 8056, for info.

Diane Bell at Gleebooks, 6.30pm. discussing her new book, *Ngarrindjeri Wuruwarrin: The World That Is, Was & Will Be*

WEDNESDAY 9

Talking to Writers - Glebe Library, 6.30pm. Open forum with Ken Methold (educational writer, novelist, screenwriter), Rosie Scott (novelist, Chair, Australian Society of Authors), Rob Pullen (journalist, writer, historian). Wine and cheese provided. Gold coin donation to support Glebe Library.

Buster Keaton's Go West, Valhalla, 7.30pm. Season ends.

THURSDAY 10

Tranby Aboriginal College Open Day, 9.30-11.30am and 2.00-4pm. 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe. Established 1958, this community controlled and Aboriginal managed organisation offers adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders specifically designed and accredited diploma courses. Be welcomed by staff, experience the unique cultural learning environment in the recently completed extensions and view a video. Light refreshments. Gold coin donation to support the College.

Celebrating our Cultural Diversity, 2-3pm. St James Primary School, 2 Woolley Street, will be celebrating cultural diversity in song and dance. Classrooms will be open for a walk through between 3-4pm. All welcome.

FRIDAY 11

Glebe High School, 9.00-10am. Full assembly, induction of Student Representative Council followed by musical celebration presented by Years 9-12. Parents and friends welcome. Contact Rick McVicary or Chris Sciwiarski, 9660 5688, 9660 5022.

Opening of St Scholastica's College Art & Craft Show, 7-9pm. 4 Avenue Road. Opened by Bronwyn Bancroft, Indigenous Artist. Champagne Supper and Chamber Music, \$20. A unique artwork by Bronwyn Bancroft will be auctioned during the evening. Further information and tickets, 9660 2622.

SATURDAY 12

St Scholastica's College Art & Craft Show, 10am-4pm. 4 Avenue Road. Admission \$5. Painting, craft by well known Australian artists. Tours of school and morning and afternoon teas.

Polding Villa Fete, 10am-3.30pm. 2 Arcadia Road, Glebe. Bargains to be found, chocolate wheel, refreshments, sausage sizzle and raffles. Contact Barbara, 9660 5853 for further info.

Open Day - Blackwattle Studios. 10am-4pm. 465 Glebe Point Road. Come and see the great variety of creative activities behind the studio doors. Artists, crafts people, designers, woodworkers and boat builders will be available to show you what they do.

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Amnesty Trivia Night. 7.30pm, Glebe Uniting Church Hall, 37 St Johns Road. \$12. Karina Kelly to host. Up to 8 people per table. Join in the fun and help a worthy cause. Bookings Lyn, 9660 8056.

The Irish in Glebe. 2pm-4pm, Toxteth Hotel, Glebe Point Road. Meet and celebrate with stories, stout, music and poems. Hosted by Cr Maire Sheehan and Shaughan Murphy.

Silent Movie Festival, Valhalla, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY 13

Ferry Trip, Oarsome - Waltzing on Water, 10am-noon. The Glebe Society & Glebe Chamber of Commerce invite you and friends to board Matilda Cruises' rocket ferry for a harbour cruise. Meet Peter Manetta's Fisherman's Wharf, Fish Markets, Pyrmont. \$5/\$15 family. Bookings essential: Ian, 9660 3240 or Marianne, 9692 0916.

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MONDAY 14

Launch of Sands Directory, 7.30pm - a history of local building occupancy and use, hosted by Friends of Benedi, Community Room, 186 Glebe Pt Rd. Talk and demonstration by Margaret Penson, Local Studies Librarian, Leichhardt Council.

EXTRAS

Wednesday 16: Open Day at Glebe Public School, 9.30-11am.

Friday, 18: School Celebration, all welcome. 11.30am-1pm.

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