

# Society Bulletin

10/99 November/December



# Glebe

## OVERDEVELOPMENT!

In response to increasing local opposition to overdevelopment, the Mayor of Leichhardt, Councillor Máire Sheehan, called a public meeting on overdevelopment at Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday 17 November. As background to the issue, Council provided an information sheet to all who attended. In order that readers are aware of the procedures regarding local planning controls, and the current position in Leichhardt, this information from Council is reproduced on p2. Below is a brief report on the meeting from the Secretary of Precinct 13.

The meeting was extremely well attended – Leichhardt Town was full to capacity. Many people were standing, or sitting on the floor. The issues raised all followed the same line – people were fed up with less sunlight and open space, worried about the effect of more people on the infrastructure (especially the old clay sewer pipes), and more traffic.

Leichhardt Council wants to persuade the State Government to approve its Town Plan which has been sitting on the desk of the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning (Dr Andrew Refshauge) for twelve months.

Deputy Mayor Kris Cruden told the meeting that “Council wants to work with the residents to ensure that our Town Plan will maintain and improve residents’ quality of life. We are aiming for clearer rules, so that any developer will know before

concerned about overdevelopment in our area write to the Minister and let him know that Leichhardt municipality residents have had enough!

In the opinion of Councillor Hall Greenland, the State Government doesn’t want our Town Plan approved because they want to *increase* density in our municipality. A number of motions were successfully put to the meeting, one that the FSR (floor space ratio) across the municipality be reinstated as 0.5:1. Currently the Town Plan gives Glebe a ratio of 0.7:1 – and the State Government wants more!

What if everyone in the Glebe Society were to write a letter – it doesn’t have to be long or eloquent – just telling the Minister that we want the Leichhardt Town Plan approved so that we stop losing cases in the Land and Environment Court.

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submitting an application, just exactly what is acceptable and what is not.” Council is united on this issue, she said.

Mayor Máire Sheehan said she thought that the municipality had done its bit for urban consolidation and stated that Council is hopeful Dr Refshauge will realise this. But, she said, Council needs help from residents, and the only way we can save this community is to work and fight together. In order to add weight to Council’s position, the Mayor asked that those who are

Why don’t we all fax such a letter to the Minister on Monday 30 November – his fax number is 9957. 2145 (this faxing strategy was successful four years ago in the fight for funding for the Glebe Library). Let the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning realise we mean business!

Chris Newton (ph.9660. 8349)  
Secretary Precinct 13

[Precinct 13 meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room]



The information below is reproduced from the leaflet distributed at the public meeting on overdevelopment called by Leichhardt Council, and held at Leichhardt Town Hall on Wednesday 17 November. Council has a meeting with the Minister on this issue on 31 December

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## Developing Local Planning Controls

In NSW there is a planning hierarchy. The State Government, through the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, develops and enforces State Environmental Planning Policies and Regional Environmental Plans. Each Council must then prepare their own local planning controls that are consistent with the State and Regional policies and plans.

Because of the relative 'superiority' of State and regional policies, local councils find that, in developing their own local controls, they must 'toe the line'. The most obvious example is the State policy that requires 'urban consolidation' in the Sydney metropolitan area. The result of this is that each Council has to develop local planning policies that increase residential development, whether they want to or not.

Each local Council has responsibility for preparing their own local controls, usually in the form of Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs). These documents outline the broad planning objectives for an area and provide the detail of how these objectives are to be met through land use and development controls.

LEPs usually 'zone' land to allow for particular types of development (and prohibit particular types of development) such as residential, commercial and industrial, in specific areas, and also often spell out building density controls such as the numbers of storeys, the amount of open space to be provided and so on. LEPs will often include detailed heritage and conservation controls and other planning matters unique to a particular area such as foreshore building setbacks.

The Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning signs off all LEPs. It is only then that the local controls have legislative status. DUAP prepares the submission to the Minister for approval but only after it is satisfied that the LEP is consistent with State and Regional policies and plans.

DCPs provide much more detailed controls, usually based on a more detailed analysis of precinct or neighbourhood characteristics. Details will often include things such as how particular streetscape characteristics are to be retained, setbacks between buildings, how to retain reasonable solar access to backyards etc.

The ability of councils to determine the type and scale of development in their area is therefore very much controlled by the State Government, which has the power to enforce overriding policies and has the final say on any local controls.

## The Current position in Leichhardt

Some years ago the Council embarked on a process to review its long standing controls and to develop a new LEP 20 and DCP 1 Plan for the whole Council area, known as the Leichhardt Town Plan. The Town Plan includes a draft LEP and a draft DCP. The process involved extensive community consultation and was steered by a committee made up of community representatives. [Jeanette Knox represented the Society.]

The draft Town Plan was completed in late 1997 and publicly exhibited for several months. The final draft was adopted by Council in late 1998 and was submitted to DUAP for their, and Ministerial, approval. Unfortunately DUAP has not accepted the new plan and the Council has been tied up in negotiations for some time attempting to convince the State Government of the merits of the plan. DUAP appears to be most concerned by Council's deliberate attempts to put limits on the density and scale of new residential development.

Since the election of the new Council in September 1999, the Council has embarked on trying to get in place local planning controls that will arrest the rate and scale of change to residential areas.

In September 1999 Council adopted a Mayoral minute to pursue a strategy of negotiation and public campaigning to achieve support for Leichhardt's position.

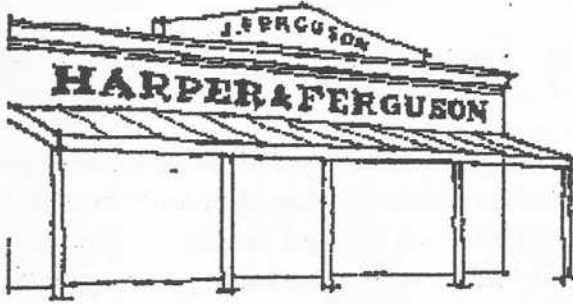
The Council is proposing both short term and long term strategies. The Council wants the State to approve the draft Town Plan in order that there are better controls than currently exist, as soon as possible. Once the LEP is in place further work will be done on Council's DCP in order to strengthen and support the controls in the LEP.

Council and community representatives have met with senior officers of DUAP to push the Council's case and Council will be addressing a Ministerial advisory committee on 25 November to argue that:

- Leichhardt has done its bit for regional urban consolidation
- The draft Town Plan should be approved by the State Government
- Following the approval of the Town Plan, further detailed work on a precinct-by-precinct basis should be undertaken to ensure that the character and amenity of residential areas is protected.

The Council will be seeking a commitment from DUAP that the Town Plan, and the Council's overall strategy, will be approved before the end of the year. If no such commitment is obtained then the Council will have no alternative than to mount a significant public campaign to achieve its ends.

# The Changing Face of Glebe



## HAROLD PARK PACEWAY

A proposal for the further expansion of Harold Park Paceway was on display at The Glebe Library until November 24. It has now moved back to Council's Administrative Centre at Wetherill St Leichhardt, and submissions close on 3 December.

There are a number of controversial aspects to the proposal:

1. The all weather hockey field, a condition of the previous DA, is still not built, and at last report The Glebe Hockey Club was taking Harold Park to court.
2. The proposal represents a greater departure from the original use of the site than any previous proposal. In particular, the provision of 201 'members' rooms' over six floors would appear to require a rezoning.
3. There has been no public debate over the use of the tramsheds, leased by Harold Park from the State Government. It is possible some residents would welcome a leisure centre, but I suspect that depends on the actual facilities and the cost of their use. Moreover, a number of community organisations have expressed interest in using the tramsheds for a variety of purposes. It would be a pity not to allow genuine community use for what is, and always has been, essentially a public building.
4. The site is at present fairly open. The proposed

'members' rooms' would be as high as the existing grandstand, and nothing would be lower than the tramsheds, which are already quite high. A limited number of parking spaces are proposed within new and existing buildings (about 180), but this is far fewer than may be required, and the circulation is much more congested.

5. Nearby residents have suffered both from vehicle movements and the operation of existing facilities. The Society has always argued there should be no access from the roads at the top, and the amenity of residents should be respected.

As with previous proposals I will delay a final comment until the last moment so interested members can contact me. I have already spoken to at least a dozen Glebe residents and half that number from Annandale. Harold Park has also promised an information session.

Neil Macindoe

## ADDITIONAL WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Glebe Society calls on the State Government and Leichhardt Council to closely scrutinise the likely community impact of the Harold Park redevelopment proposal. While the Society recognises that Harold Park is a national facility, this does not excuse it from being a good neighbour. In the past the Paceway has displayed an arrogant disregard for the wishes and aspirations of the local community, and at this stage there appears to be nothing in this proposal which commends it to the residents of Glebe and surrounding suburbs.

While the Society has not yet made a formal submission to the Council, we have identified two initial areas of concern:

- The old tram sheds should not be redeveloped for an elitist private use. Access to the proposed leisure centre will be beyond the reach of all but a very few local residents, in an area which is not well-endowed with public recreation facilities. This proposal comes at a time when we are looking for alternative accommodation for the artists, crafts people and small traders who will eventually be displaced from the Blackwattle Studios in Glebe Point Road.
- We also view the proposal for 'members' rooms' as a Trojan Horse to circumvent the present zoning which does not permit the building of a hotel on the site. Such a development would have a significant impact on the residential areas surrounding Harold Park.

Bruce Davis

## 461-465 GLEBE POINT ROAD

Despite protests from the local precinct and The Society, at 9 pm on Thursday, 18 November the following councillors voted 7-5 to demolish Blackwattle Studios and the Canteen and build 45 luxury units in the Pymont style:

Cruden, Dyer, Hewitt, McGuinness, McVeigh, Pilkington and Sheehan.

# Sze Yup - the Chinese Temple in Edward Street Glebe

The origins of one of Sydney's oldest temples is the subject of a well-known legend in the Chinese community. In 1896 when Chinese settlers in Sydney decided to build a temple dedicated to the Chinese folk hero and god Kwung Ti, they prayed for a sign showing where the temple should be built. Legend says that a glowing light led them to a market garden in Francis Street (now Edward Street) in Glebe.

The original group of trustees purchased the land from the owner for £325 and built their temple two years later. It was funded by immigrants from the Sze Yup area in Kwongtung, China. Recognising the temple's value, The National Trust classified it in 1975.

The Sze Yup Temple is dedicated to Kwung Ti, a warrior and patriot in the era of the Three Kingdoms 220-265 AD. Kwung Ti is famous for his loyalty, physical prowess and masculinity. In Australia, the god was worshipped by immigrant Chinese as a wise judge, a guide and a protector.

Many important business decisions, for example, were not made until Kwung Ti had been consulted for his guidance and blessing.

The central temple in the Sze Yup complex was built in 1898. The simple red-brick cottage was designed with the principles of *feng shui* in mind, favourably located on land which gently sloped from the temple to the waters of Rozelle Bay.

Inside the central temple is an altar with embroidered images of Kwung Ti and his guards. Racks hold Kwung Ti's Red Hair Horse and weapons. Engraved couplets

and prayers hang on the walls in front of a huge drum and gong. Two beautiful carved columns date from 1898 and were originally intended for one of the nearby chapels but were too tall. In 1904 the temple was flanked by two chapels, the Chapel of Departed Friends and the chapel of Good Fortune.

For Sydney's Chinese community the Sze Yup Temple was a cultural centre as well as a place for worship. Travellers and new migrants could find accommodation and material assistance here as well as social

since his grandfather, Fong Bong, first served as a trustee in 1923.

"Sze Yup Temple is one of the oldest remaining temples in NSW" says Keep Fong. "People come here to worship but also for mutual support. In the past, Chinese migrants experienced a strange, sometimes hostile environment with many hardships. This temple helped Chinese people."

In 1978 the temple was restored following a fund-raising appeal. The newly renovated temple has a green tiled roof and a traditional Chinese architectural combination

of red and green. In 1982 an archway was added to the temple complex with two stone lions guarding the huge entrance. In 1985 the temple was covered by a Permanent Conservation Order. It is now regarded as

one of the most significant temples of its type in NSW and is listed on the State Heritage Register.

*This is an extract from the article 'Temples of China', written by Karl Zhao and published in the July-September 1999 issue of Reflections, the National Trust Quarterly magazine. It is republished here with permission of the Trust's Editorial Committee.*

*A second temple featured in the article is the Yiu Ming Temple in Retreat Street, Alexandria.*

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contact and companionship. Celebrations and festivities such as the colourful and lively Chinese New Year took place at the temple. It was also used to house the bones of the deceased before they were taken to China in urns for permanent burial, as tradition demanded.

Keep (Kip) Fong is a well-known trustee of Sze Yup Temple and has written a history of it. His family has been associated with the temple for three generations, even

## Historic Houses Trust Exhibitions

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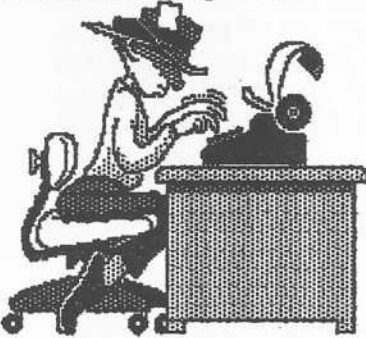
Throughout the far-flung colonies of Oceania, Asia and Central America, convicted criminals and exiled felons have formed new communities, built cities and created art and culture that mirrored their unique experiences. This wide-ranging exhibition takes a new look at the story of Australia's 160,000 convict men and women, and their place in world history.

Hyde Park Barracks Museum  
16 October to end 2001

### THE DOLL'S HOUSE

Explore a life in miniature. From exquisitely crafted mansions to handmaide cottages, Italian villas to butter-box houses, here is the enchanting story of dolls' houses in Australia, from past to present.

Elizabeth Bay House  
4 December - 30 April 2000



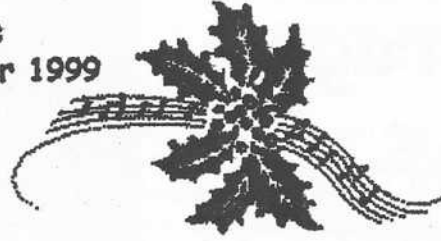
This is the last *Bulletin* for 1999. The next issue will appear at the end of February (deadline 15 February) following the first meeting of the Management Committee in 2000.

Remember we are glad to have your 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.

Thanks to everyone who made it possible to get the *Bulletin* out on time during the year: those who contributed pieces, and those who helped with production - John Sleeman, Ian Edwards, Assistant Editor Cynthia Jones, and Alan and Chris at Aviweb Printers 181 Glebe Point Road. Ed.

## Twilight Drinks at Lyndhurst

61 Darghan St Glebe  
Thursday 9 December 1999  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm



Join us as we celebrate the festive season and 30 years of achievement by the Glebe Society. The Historic Houses Trust of NSW have kindly made the gardens and portico area of *Lyndhurst* available to Society members and their friends for this special occasion. This is an opportunity to recognise the dedication of many people from various walks of life whose collective actions have left a valuable legacy for future generations.

In earlier days the "splendid residence" of Dr Bowman had expansive gardens and vistas of Blackwattle Bay and across to Ultimo. Although the views have changed, the classic architecture of John Verge has stood the test of time.

*Lyndhurst* is currently the administration office for the Historic Houses Trust of NSW. It was a major achievement by the community to save *Lyndhurst* from demolition and to have the building restored. We were

fortunate to have the support of visionary leaders in the union movement and a few politicians who influenced a significant change in government policy.

Jack Munday, Chair of the Historic Houses Trust of NSW, was instrumental in saving *Lyndhurst* and we are very pleased that he has accepted our invitation to be the key speaker for the evening. Displays will be available of the glory days of *Lyndhurst* through to the squatters and finally the restoration in the late 1970s. Information on the house and the gardens will be available from members of the Society, and 'KIDS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE' a local group, will give a short choral presentation.

You are warmly invited to enjoy an evening in historic surroundings with fine music, drinks, savouries and fascinating stories from those involved in leading the campaign. We hope to see you there! Cost: \$10 concession and \$15 full

You might like to bring a present for a child (primary school age - marked, if necessary, boy' or 'girl'). These gifts will be given to the Glebe Estate Community Church and distributed at Christmas time by the Rev. John Connor.

If you would like to come to Lyndhurst, but are worried about getting there and back, please ring Bobbie Burke on 9692. 0343, and we will arrange car transport.

For catering purposes please ensure that you RSVP by Sunday, 5 December to Cynthia Jones 9660. 2451

The Society has purchased a new supply of decals of the



logo, and the Management Committee thought it a good idea to distribute them to

members. You will find one enclosed with this *Bulletin*.

# The tragedy of Glebe's street trees

The photographs on these pages show the result of years of work by Council, residents and business representatives to provide what the Glebe community said they wanted in response to a public consultation (in fact, many consultations) on the trees on Glebe Point Road.

People keep asking *How did we end up with these trees?* and *What is happening to the poplars?* and so, if you are not familiar with this saga, some background follows

or, to paraphrase Scarlett  
'who gives a damn?'

## THE EARLY PHASE – THE STREET TREE STUDY:

The 107 Lombardy poplars which had been planted from 1948 onwards had had a rugged life in Glebe. While the life expectancy of these trees is 50–70 years, many growing under the electricity wires had been continually lopped. Some had been cut in two – not a good look for a poplar – and, along with root pruning to maintain a flat, safe pavement and other environmental stresses, many were

in early decline. Basically, many trees were severely decayed and hollowed out and posed a danger if they fell.

More detail on Glebe Point Road's poplars is given in the 1993 STREET TREE MANAGEMENT STUDY, carried out by two local arboricultural consultants, Garry Clubley and John Douglas. This was commissioned in response to recommendations by Leichhardt Council's Tree and Open Space Committee who were looking for

ways to overcome the continual problems caused by poplar roots damaging the pavement. With members from across the municipality (but disappointingly few from Glebe), the Tree Committee at the time was a 'doing' committee – working on a brief, managing progress of the Study and regularly getting their hands dirty planting various barren plots and streets of the municipality.

The Tree Management Study documented in detail the condition of every tree along Glebe Point Road and made

recommendations on short, medium and long term staged removal and replacement, as well as providing tree management techniques – i.e. better ways of looking after the trees. Both Garry and John contributed more than the call of duty, collecting feedback and talking to local groups about progress of the Study and the pros and cons for replacement trees; they also took part in the 1993 public meeting called by The Glebe Society to discuss the Study.

The Study was then publicly exhibited for comment by Council in 1994 (copies would now be held in the library). As the existing Lombardy poplars, *Populus nigra* 'Italica' had such an aggressive root system (Council was spending more than \$1 million a year on tree root damage and the Chief Engineer, Peter Head, reported expenditure of \$150,000 over the last five years on public liability and damages) and were prone to fungal decay, Council also invited comments on alternative species for staged replacements or new plantings.

The consultation was widely advertised (including Bulletin front page January 1994); subgroups of Council's Tree Committee and The Glebe Society discussed it, residents were letterboxed and Council put on a bus ride to enable residents to inspect prospective replacement trees.



photograph by Diann Payne

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However, as the choice of street trees seems to generate as much debate as sex, religion and politics, no easy answer arose.

One hundred and twenty people signed a petition to 'save' the poplars and other groups similarly lobbied for native trees.

#### **THE NEXT PHASE: A PUBLIC MEETING:**

The next plan was a public meeting to endeavour to coalesce the community into a direction on new or replacement plantings, and attempt to find out how to do this (outlined in Bulletins over 1994 and 1995).

After much preparation by Council and Peter Head, in August 1994 local resident Jane Singleton chaired a meeting of around 50 people, who listened to a run down from the consultants and councillors, voiced their opinions, and put technical questions to a landscape architect. While the meeting was indecisive about tree species to be used, the upshot was general acceptance for use of deciduous trees, options for road shoulder planting and action ASAP.

The issue then bounced for a while: Jan Wilson from the Glebe Society contributed feedback at the Tree and Open Space Committee meeting and Cr Macindoe moved in Council for a streetscape study to consider the replacement planting in the context of the scale, unity and architecture of the whole street.

#### **DM TAYLOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS STREETScape MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

With some initial upheaval (Bulletin Jun 95), DM Taylor Landscape Architects were eventually engaged to carry out a Streetscape Management Plan and report to and liaise with the Glebe Point Road Streetscape Committee, which had been reconstituted in June 1995. Chaired by Cr Macindoe, committee members included representatives from The Glebe Society (Ted McKeown and myself), the Chamber of Commerce, the Trees and Open Space Committee (now replaced by the Environment Committee), the Precinct Committees, the Glebe Tenants' union and interested councillors.

After years of meetings of the Streetscape Committee, extraordinary commitment by Mathew Taylor, as well as Vince Cusamano, Vince Caccavio and Ann Martin at Council and, again, response to much public consultation, we are now well into the implementation of the Streetscape Management Plan and, along with improvement to the whole streetscape, a staged replacement of the declining poplars. Mathew's flier on the replacement trees -- which are a mixture of more a 'street-

trained' variety of poplar with a less aggressive root system and Australian rainforest natives -- is included with this Bulletin.

The replacement Simonii poplar trees are now thriving and promise a beautiful boulevard. However, after such a saga leading to the planting, the vandalism of the smaller and more vulnerable native trees presents a picture of neglect. Walk towards Broadway and you will see that nearly all of the native trees along these blocks have been broken in two and the stakes knocked over and discarded. The sad, broken stubs of some have been all that remains for the past year; some saplings have been more recently broken.

#### **WHAT IS THE ANSWER ?**

What do the people who lobbied to have native trees think? Discussion of tree guards has covered several meetings (Council explains that stakes couldn't be used in some ridge areas due to underlying rock). Vince Caccavio reports that 20 tree guards are ordered for the new plantings from Wigram Road to the bay; for those near the Broadway end he is waiting to find more mature trees with larger trunks as replacements, but there is currently no agreement for expenditure on more tree guards for trees on these blocks. In the meantime, Council is providing details of a maintenance program advising just what Council's responsibility is, and what people living near a tree can do to help maintain it.

The Glebe Point Road Streetscape Committee meets regularly at Benledi and is open to the community -- including all members of the Glebe Society. If you want to do something about the trees or find out about progress of the streetscape implementation -- noticeboards, seats, artwork, paving, Minogue Reserve, Francis Street being open or closed, etc -- come along. The more people who come, the better.

For the date of the next meeting phone Vince Caccavio at Council on 9367.9007.

Fiona Campbell



photograph by Diann Payne

# Traffic Matters



## ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN FRANCIS STREET ?

Debate about the partial closure of Francis Street continues, and it may be helpful to outline the reasons for the Society's support of the present arrangement.

One of the stated aims of our traffic policy is to minimise the amount of non-local traffic, particularly through traffic, in Glebe. Consequently in the early discussions about the Broadway redevelopment, which were mainly attended by the late John Hoddinott, the Society supported traffic management proposals which would discourage filtering of traffic from the new Broadway Shopping Centre through the neighbouring small residential streets which are unsuited to through traffic.

In the six months before the opening of the Centre numerous meetings were held and two traffic studies were completed. As a result not only was the partial closure of Francis Street adopted, but also the full closure of Glebe Street and the conversion of other narrow streets in the area to one-way. In other words, the overall traffic pattern was considered. The traffic studies showed no (or at the most minimal) benefits from having Francis Street open for two-way traffic.

The Society also supported the monitoring of traffic after the opening of the Centre. Several Glebe Society members live near the Centre and their views have been helpful in providing informed advice about the impact of traffic etc. in this debate.

The Society had also supported the improvement of Minogue Reserve, which a local resident group was working on. Ideally this group

wished to close Francis Street completely and extend the Reserve, in an area of Glebe which is rather lacking in open space. The present partial closure of Francis Street is, therefore, already a compromise.

Our objections to the reopening of Francis Street to two-way traffic, as set out in various submissions to Council and to the Minister, have been:

- feeding additional traffic into that end of Glebe Point Road would add to existing congestion at busy times;
- if traffic coming from Parramatta Road were able to turn right into Francis Street this would further congest traffic;
- part of the difficulty has been caused by the poor siting of the exit from the southern car park, which is too close to Bay Street and causes back-up of traffic at busy times – this could be improved by the owners (Walker Corporation)..
- reviewing traffic management at Bay Street could be more profitable than changing arrangements at Francis Street;
- much of the problem is limited to peak hours of use, particularly at the week-end, i.e. it is not a constant one throughout the week.

Apart from the traffic aspects, there is also the point that the additional traffic which would use Francis Street if it reverted to two-way would diminish the amenity of Minogue Reserve, with more petrol fumes and increased difficulty of access.

We trust that Council will continue to support the status quo in Francis Street and that the Minister will not override this local decision. The sooner the matter is resolved, the sooner a more permanent and attractive half-road closure can be completed.

Jeanette Knox

## AN UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL

The second meeting of the Inner West Light Rail Consultative Committee was held on 11 November. It was attended with about 40 residents and representatives from the Department of Transport, Leichhardt Council, and the Pyrmont Light Rail Consortium. The following matters were discussed:

### STATUS OF WORK:

Work on clearing the rail reserve is now essentially complete, construction is expected to commence by end of November, and it is anticipated the service will be operating by August 2000.

### SECURITY:

The Company will monitor stations from the Pyrmont control room by CCTV.

### NOISE:

The scheme is subject to the EPA noise requirements and the Company is required to act if these requirements are exceeded.

**Parking:** Council will undertake before and after parking studies near the stations and, if necessary, may introduce resident parking schemes.

### LANDSCAPING:

Plans are being developed for the stations and for the rest of the



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track. The Consortium's responsibility ceases (and Council's commences) at the boundary of the rail reserve although there will be some work beyond that – for example, the Consortium will provide lighting in lower Palmerston Street. It will also attach a footway to the bridge over Pymont Bridge Road, and a walkway at Jubilee Park.

### DISABLED ACCESS

will be provided at all stations.

### OPERATIONS:

Trams will run at a minimum of 10-12 minute intervals, initially between about 6.00 am and 11 pm. Extension of these hours, or an increase in frequency will be a commercial decision. Pricing policy is not yet finalised.

### CONSTRUCTION

times are subject to the general industry limitations.

### NEXT MEETING:

tentatively 6.30 pm, 9 December at Benledi; meetings are open to the public, and Society members can phone me on 9660. 5845 for confirmation. Consultation with the Pymont Light Rail Consortium and the Department of Transport is invited on an ad hoc basis – contact Trevor Townson at the Department of Transport: e-mail [townson@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:townson@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Steve Stewart

## LATM – MANAGING GLEBE TRAFFIC

I was not able to attend the Council meeting on 26 October at which the Local Area Traffic Management Plan Report was considered and adopted. However, I did have some discussion with the Manager, Strategic Environmental Planning, before the meeting. The main area of debate as regards Glebe is essentially the traffic generated by St Scholastica's College.

This is one of the reasons for the suggested lifting of the morning left-hand turn bans off Wigram Road, since staff from St Scholastica's (and the Hilda Booter Kindergarten) want to be able to turn left before Glebe Point Road. This would also, however, provide similar access for parents and students driving to the College.

The other concern is with Avenue Road and the activity generated by buses and cars setting down or collecting students from the College at the beginning and end of the school day.

I understand that Council proposes to look at the problems of traffic and St Scholastica's as a whole and that there will be further consultation between the School, Council and residents.

Subsequent to the Council meeting I have been advised of the adoption of the report with some modifications. These, however, affect areas which are all outside Glebe.

The implementation of the management plan will occur over the next ten years. Council will prioritise the works and further consultation will occur about the detailed design of facilities prior to installation.

Jeanette Knox

## AIRCRAFT

### NOISE

### COMPLAINTS

### LINE:



9582. 1850

24 hours

Complaints about noise, safety and other aviation issues of concern can be logged on to this number.

## Notes from the Management Committee

### MEETING WITH NEW COUNCILLORS

Members of the Management Committee met with the four Glebe/Annandale ward Councillors on 24 November. Matters discussed were the Glebe Point Road Streetscape Committee, the ongoing problems with litter, the proposed Foreshore Walk and CycleWay, and development applications. Unfortunately we could not let members know in advance because of the combination of short notice in setting the date, and *Bulletin* deadline – we'll report in full later.

### CLEAN UP GLEBE

This Project Team has written to the Fish Marketing Authority, Pioneer Concrete and the Waterways Authority seeking their assistance and co-operation in cleaning up the area of Pymont Bridge Road adjacent to the Fish Markets..

### LIGHT RAIL

Steve Stewart has agreed to act as our representative on Light Rail, and can be contacted on 9660. 5845 (see his report this page).

### HAROLD PARK

Many residents will have received an invitation from Leichhardt Council to comment on a development proposal for Harold Park Raceway. Comments must be lodged by 3 December (see p3).

### MEDIA MONITORING

Betty Mason has kindly agreed to maintain the Society's press cuttings book and to keep an eye out for Glebe Society mentions in the local press. She will be assisted by Ian Edwards.

# Notice Board

## CHRISTMAS at ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

### 1) Free Christmas Recital

Thursday 16 December 7.30pm

The Surplis Singers will present a short recital of Christmas music followed by refreshments in Record Reign Hall (corner of Derwent St and St Johns Road).

The Surplis Singers are conducted by Richard Gore and formerly sang at St Luke's Enmore.



### 2) Christmas Service of lessons and Carols with the Taverner Consort

Sunday 19 December 6pm

## EXIT BLACKWATTLE

A photographic exhibition by students and other artists at -

POINT LIGHT GALLERY  
465 Glebe Point Road

Thursday 4 November to Sunday 5 December  
11am - 5 pm

Contact 9552. 3304 for more details

## COMMUNITY

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**If you can't afford to celebrate the end of the century ... you are not alone.**

**The Neighbourhood Centre is having a party in the Ballroom. We can only fit in so many people ... so book early.**

**We supply - the food, snacks, the venue, the music, the view of the fireworks and the good company.**

**You supply - yourself, your drinks and sense of fun.**

**Enquiries to Leann on 9660. 8134.**

**Bookings from 1 December.**

**\$5 concession \$20 full price**



## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

### Xmas and New Year Library hours

The Glebe Library will close at 1.00pm on 24 December and will reopen on 4 January.

The Leichhardt Library will be open over the holiday period - please ring 9367. 9266 for exact times and days.

### KID'S STORYTIME

**Pre-school storytime** each Tuesday at 11.00am.

**Xmas storytime** will be on 14 December and Santa will be visiting.

If you're coming, please bring a plate of food and we can have a Xmas party.

**Our last storytime** for 1999 will be on 21 December and we will resume on Tuesday 4 January.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Films -

Every Thursday in January at 11.00am.

### Artful scientist show -

Wednesday 10.30am  
19 January Tickets \$6.00 each.  
More information from the Library.

### Art Exhibition -

#### RAINBOW ART FOR KIDS

A range of kid's artworks based on famous artists in different mediums will be on display from December 10 till the end of the school holidays.

## For Your Diary ...

4 November until Sunday	5 December 1 - 24 December
Friday	3 December
Wednesday	8 December
Thursday	9 December
Thursday	9 December
Friday	10 December
Thursday	16 December
Sunday	19 December
Friday	31 December

"Exit Blackwattle" - Photograph Exhibition at Point Light Gallery,  
11 - 5pm, Blackwattle Studios, 465 Glebe Point Road, see Notice Board  
Inner City Clayworkers Gallery - The Christmas Show  
10.30 - 6 pm 7 days a week - Cnr. St. Johns Rd and Darghan Street  
Last date for submissions on Harold Park Raceway Proposal see p3  
Management Committee Meeting - all welcome  
7.30 pm Toxteth Hotel Meeting Room  
Christmas Twilight Drinks at Lyndhurst - please RSVP  
6.30-8.30pm 61 Darghan Street, see p5  
Inner West Light Rail Consultative Committee Meeting, see p7  
Rainbow Art for Kids - Art Exhibition opens at Glebe Library  
Christmas Recital by The Surplis Singers + Refreshments  
7.30pm St. Johns Church - see Notice Board  
Lessons and Carols with the Taverner Consort  
6pm St John's Church, see Notice Board  
Community New Year's Eve Party at Glebe Town Hall  
Enquiries to Leann at 9660. 8134, see Notice Board

... and in the year 2000 ...

Wednesday	19 January
Wednesday	9 February

Artful Scientist Show at Glebe Library, see Notice Board  
Management Committee Meeting - all welcome

We are glad to publish 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.

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***Season's  
Greetings***



REMEMBER to RSVP for Christmas Twilight Drinks – see p5

# Street Tree Maintenance Trees of Glebe Point Road

This maintenance outline provides a guide to the care of the Glebe Point Road Street Trees outlining the basic minimum standards which should be adopted.

## **The care of the street trees includes:**

- 1 Fertilising, control of disease and insect attack, checking stakes and ties.
- 2 Weeding and raking of the gravel trim to each of the trees.
- 3 Keeping the area around the tree clean and tidy.
- 4 Supplementary watering during dry periods.

## **Insect and Disease Control**

Generally the control of disease and insect attack should be done in the most environmentally sustainable manner. Many trees, given adequate water and attention can overcome insect attack and disease through natural processes. Should leaf disease occur, watering down of leaves is sometimes beneficial.

## **Stakes and Ties**

At an appropriate stage of maturity, the tree does not require any further support in regards to stakes and ties. The tree should be robust and firm before the ties are removed. Until such a time, it is important to adjust the stakes and ties so that the trees are not restricted in their growth.

## **Rubbish Removal**

It is important that the trees be seen to be cared for. This includes the removal of rubbish, the raking of the gravel trim and the adjustment of stakes should they be present.

## **Shaping**

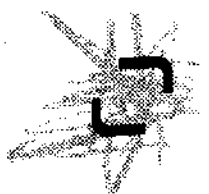
From time to time it may be necessary to shape the street tree. This should be done by a qualified arborist.

## **Tree Replacement**

If a street tree fails it shall be replaced with another tree of the same species and size and in a healthy condition.

## **Contact the Client**

Should the trees show signs of failure or need further attention the resident should inform Vince Caccavo, Leichhardt Municipal Council, telephone: **9367 9222**.



## Trees of Glebe Point Road Streetscape Plan – stage 1



### *Alphitonia excelsa* – Red Ash

height at maturity 8-10m

Origin – Eastern coast of Australia. Evergreen tree with a dense canopy. Oval leaves are dark green above, silvery-grey below. Fragrant, greenish-cream flowers are borne in summer and autumn, followed by round, black fruits.



### *Cupaniopsis anacardoides* – Tuckeroo

height at maturity 8-10m

Origin – Eastern coast of Australia. A shade tree grown for its bright and colourful foliage. Has large, glossy, rich green, mature leaves, pale pink to red when young. Small white spring flowers occur in clusters, followed by irregularly shaped orange capsules in summer, which split to reveal bright red seeds.



### *Harpullia pendula* – Tulipwood

height at maturity 8-10m

Origin – Eastern coast of Australia. Evergreen, conical tree grown for its lustrous, shady foliage and colourful seeds. Fern-like, glossy green leaves. Tiny flowers, green with red shading, appear in clusters in spring and summer. Seed capsules ripen to orange in winter.



### *Populus simonii* – Simonii Poplar

height at maturity 8-10m

Origin – Exotic. Erect deciduous tree that grows in a slender column. Oval leaves are bright green above, silvery-white beneath, turning yellow in autumn.

