



Glebe

Society Bulletin

6/2001 July/August

Federation Dinner and Fund Raising Auction

AT RECORD REIGN HALL, SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2001

Join us as we celebrate Federation at a special dinner to be held in Record Reign Hall, in St. John's Road, Glebe. This will be the Society's major fund-raising event for the year and a great opportunity to enjoy a fine meal and an entertaining auction of valuable local goods and services [see *Bulletin* 5/2000, p3].

The dinner menu will have a Federation flavour, drawing inspiration from the 1901 menus for the State Banquet held at the Sydney Town Hall on 1 January, which featured, for example: Oysters on Shell, Clear Turtle Soup, Salmon with Ravigotte sauce, Whitebait, Lamb Cutlets with mushrooms, Stuffed Turkey in the Perigord style, York Ham, Iced Asparagus, Roast Partridge *and* Thrush, with Charlotte Russe, Maraschino Jelly, 'Diplomat' Cake, French pastries and an 'Australian' icecream bombe to follow.* You can be assured we won't be serving turtle soup or roast thrush, but many of the other delicacies are quite possible.

Full details, including all items/services for auction, will be in the next *Bulletin*, and in a flyer which will be available mid-August. There will be a special price for group bookings of eight.

If you need more details, can offer some item or service for auction, *or* can help with organising this event, please contact Judy Vergison on 9692. 9200 or <saltwell@eisa.net.au>

* Information kindly provided by the 1901 Centre at UTS.



Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Incorporated will be held at 11 am* on Sunday 19 August at Benledi, next to the Glebe Library at 186 Glebe Point Road. The Agenda is on p2 of this *Bulletin*, and is followed by yearly reports from committees.

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM, and a nomination form can be downloaded from our web site at <www.glebesociety.org.au> or by phoning the Secretary on 9518. 6186;

NOTE: nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary, PO Box 100, Glebe, by 12 August.

All members of the Society are invited to the AGM, and all financial members are entitled to vote. Society Membership runs from July to June each year (unless it began in the current calendar year). You can check the address label on this *Bulletin* for the expiry date of your membership, and if you have not yet renewed we would be very glad to receive your payment (a renewal form was enclosed with the last issue).

On conclusion of the formalities Bruce and Dorothy Davis will provide a light lunch at 79 Ferry Road, a short walk down the hill from Benledi.

* PLEASE NOTE

The meeting will be held in the morning starting at 11 am and *not* at 2pm as advised in last month's *Bulletin*.

THE GLEBE SOCIETY INCORPORATED

32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at Benledi, (next door to Glebe Library at 186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe)
on Sunday 19th August 2001 at 11 am

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held on 27th August 2000
4. President's report
5. Subcommittee reports
6. Treasurer's report

MOTION : That the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2001, the TGSI Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2001 and the FRROGs Receipts and Payments Statement for the year ended 30 June 2001 be received.

7. Election of Office Bearers
8. Close of meeting

To fulfil the requirements of (5) above, we have published on pp2-5 of this issue yearly reports from Convenors in the following areas: Bays and Foreshores, Centenary of Federation, Clean Up Glebe, Conserving Glebe Heritage, Environment, Foreshore Walk and Cycleway, Planning, Transport and Traffic.

BAYS AND FORESHORES

The last twelve months have seen pressures continue on the future use of Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays, as various harbour stakeholders press their claims for access. At the time this *Bulletin* went to press we were still waiting on the final plan for the twin bays - an announcement from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning said to be due at any time.

DUAP launched its 'Sharing the Harbour' vision more than a year ago espousing ideals which are perfectly compatible with the aims of the Society. We accept the fact that we must share harbour space with other city residents. But we are not prepared to have the ambience of Rozelle and Blackwattle bays destroyed in a push for any form of development. Society members will recall the days when Jubilee Park was a jumble of timber importing yards. We will be watching the final plan carefully to see how the stated principles lie with the actual plan.

In Blackwattle Bay, the Society wants the coal discharging plant restored as part of a redevelopment of this site [see *Bulletin* 8/2000, p7], adjacent to the existing Fish Markets. We are concerned that the 'dismantling' of the ore bridge, on safety grounds, was done in such a destructive way that its restoration would be much more expensive. In these days of 'economic rationalistic' thinking a high price tag is a heavy handicap for such a project. However, there are clear indications that this corner is earmarked for early expenditure to expand a successful retail precinct.

Reconstruction of the wharf area between the old coal plant and the Pioneer Concrete operation is in progress under a contract awarded when the draft Plan was in its early stages. We will watch with interest the craft that are moved into this site.

The next few months will show whether the fight has been won, or a new round has just begun.

Collin Hills

ENVIRONMENT

Our attention has turned this year to the conservation of parks in Glebe as, due to increasing use as a result of more residential development, parks and grassed areas are becoming badly eroded.

Submissions have been made to Leichhardt Council outlining ways in which grassed areas can be better preserved, and meetings held with a local school requesting they restrict use of local pocket parks to periods of dry weather, as play on wet grass is particularly damaging due to ground compaction.

The school has assured us that use of the parks as playgrounds will cease when building construction at the school is completed.

Christine Whittemore

PLANNING REPORT

The brightest star in the planning sky is the gazettal of the new Leichhardt Town Plan on 22 December, 2000 (*Bulletin 1/2001*, p2) after a marathon nine years gestation and 17 years after the gazettal of the previous town plan.

While this is welcome news, the suburb profile for Glebe has not yet been begun, and Glebe is still dependent on Development Control Plan No.1, now many years out of date. Town plans are not fully effective until all the relevant instruments are in place and appropriately intermeshed. We should not be satisfied until an adequate suburb profile has been adopted by Council. It also appears the State Government is proposing to replace existing town plans with more detailed local plans. If this is so the new Town Plan may soon be superseded, and the suburb profile becomes more urgent.

The full effectiveness of a town plan does not become apparent until it is tested in the Land and Environment Court. As reported previously (*Bulletin 3/2000*, pp3, 5) there is a lot of concern over the present operation of the Court, and such reforms as appear likely, do not go far enough. We should keep up our pressure for a Court more responsive to the needs of communities than those of developers.

Another reason it is difficult to give an opinion on the new Town Plan is that few development proposals have so far been assessed under its provisions. The situation at Leichhardt Council has not altered much: there is a general shortage of qualified planners and Leichhardt finds it difficult to attract and retain them. Those who are able frequently find better paid jobs elsewhere. In addition, there is a large backlog of applications, and it is common for them to pass through several hands.

The consequent delays may not be so serious for major proposals: often these benefit from further reflection or changed circumstances. However, for those whose applications are of minor impact but urgent the implications are serious, and a number of people have contacted me who are clearly experiencing unreasonable hardship. The continuing complacency of Leichhardt Councillors in the face of this hardship is quite staggering. It is not uncommon for those who have survived the assessment process to have to run the further gauntlet of Council, where political influences may come into play.

One consequence of the delay of the new Town Plan is that all but one of the major development sites in Glebe have received approval, and the one outstanding, Fletchers container site on Blackwattle Bay, has a masterplan approved. One can only hope those responsible for the delay do actually get to see some benefit from its gazettal. So far as Fletchers is concerned, the present glut of units throughout Sydney means the developer is not in any hurry.

Council has adopted a controversial alternative whereby applicants can pay to have their proposals independently assessed. This does not appear to have resulted in any problems, although there have been some complaints about queue jumping. There have not been enough of these private assessments to make a dent in the backlog.

Council's record on compliance does not inspire confidence either. Although unauthorised work is regularly and promptly reported, Council's actions have been slow and largely ineffective. The Society's request that metal shutters covering the facades of buildings be banned throughout the municipality has received no reply.

The low point of the year was Council's abandonment, without warning, of the Glebe Point Road Project (*Bulletin 10/2000*, pp2-3). While there are a number of successful businesses in Glebe, and operating successfully over a long period, the main business area, which is very spread out, is visibly declining. This has been exacerbated by the closure some years ago of a number of successful businesses, cafes such as Caffé Troppo and Rose Blues, which helped to set the tone for the entire street. Without this positive leadership, the street as a whole appears to lack purpose and direction. It was one aim of the Project to try to restore this confidence, and some recent rumblings from Council, as it registers the full force of the reaction against metered parking, seem to indicate a realisation that they made a grave mistake, and may wish to rejoin the Project.

The news from the former College of Nursing, 53-55 Hereford St, is a little more encouraging. The rear lane development is now proceeding, but the developer has just applied to keep KERRIBREE as one dwelling and not divide it, a position the Society strongly supports.

There is also some encouragement for Glebe Hockey Club. The Court has recognised they have a lease over their proposed all-weather field at Harold Park Paceway. This is a necessary step in the battle to compel the Paceway to let them build it.

Meanwhile the Paceway has made a new, but only slightly different application for a leisure centre (see *Bulletin 4/2001*, p6). Across Wigram Rd, the new owners of the Harold Park Hotel site, Multiplex, are trying yet another modification to the original very poor proposal. However, while certainly an improvement, it is clearly a residential development which should not be allowed to benefit from the business zoning of the Hotel.

THE ABBEY, 156 Bridge Rd, must be the longest running development battle in Glebe, if not the entire municipality. I take no pleasure in this. There have been not just one, but several options that would have produced an acceptable result, but the developers cannot reach agreement amongst themselves, much less with the community. According to Leichhardt Council, development consent has now expired, which means the process must begin again.

This marathon struggle underlines once again the importance of the role of the Society. Developers typically rely on their corporate capacity to outlast, outspend and outmanoeuvre residents: in the Glebe Society they often meet their match. No individual can equal the combined knowledge and skill the Society can bring to bear. Some of our victories spring from imagination, initiative and good timing, but many are also the result of accurate record-keeping, solid argument and sheer persistence.

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FORESHORE WALK AND CYCLE WAY

A major step forward is the agreement between The Anchorage and Council for the acquisition of the land in front of the units to continue public foreshore access on from the old Blackwattle Studios site. This is one less block accessing a foreshore path along the Bay, and is a major achievement by Council for the community. There still remains the issue of easy public access from The Boatshed restaurant to Bridge Road via the Glebe High School.

The MILLENNIUM WALK brochure has been printed and distributed in a number of Glebe outlets. Council has yet to approve the footpath stencils which mark the WALK.

Wentworth Park

Little has progressed in Wentworth Park (as we were advised by Frank Sartor last year). The City of Sydney focus was on the Olympic Games and other major capital works in the city, and Wentworth Park was not provided for. Some minor achievements include the provision of lighting on the Bridge Road side of the Park most evenings in winter months; previously the Park was lit only when there was a sporting booking.

The major concern is a request by the two Greyhound Racing Associations to seek approval from the Minister for Land and Water Conservation to replace the existing Licence Agreement held by the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust, with a lease being granted directly to the Racing Clubs, thus providing an opportunity for the Clubs to grant subleases which would bring in considerable rental income.

This income would provide a base for the Racing Associations to obtain funds for the investment of about \$4m in upgrading the existing greyhound facilities, thus continuing occupation on the site which alienates the community from a major local park. The investment would result in the avoidance of development and implementation of a management plan for the Park to return the areas back to the community.

Judy Vergison

PLANNING... *continued from p3*

Securing public access to the entire Glebe waterfront requires all these qualities. The Anchorage site is the latest in the pipeline: final acquisition depends on subdivision of the site and meeting various requirements. All this should take place soon. Completion of the Harbour Lighterage development in Oxley Street means The Anchorage will then be linked to Blackwattle Bay Park. The residential development on the Hardy's Timber Yard site at the end of Glebe Point Road will probably be complete by the end of this year, so next year should see a continuous link from Annandale to the edge of the Fletchers' site.

Hopefully this will encourage people to focus on public access to Blackwattle Bay, and especially to the foreshore of the Pyrmont peninsula. While we work from Glebe, in the end the entire City is the beneficiary.

Neil Macindoe.

CENTENARY OF FEDERATION

Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister, was born in Hereford Street, Glebe, but no park or street in the area memorializes his name. The Society took the view that we should try to redress this issue during 2001, to mark the Centenary of Federation.

We identified the un-named footbridge over Parramatta Road, which links Glebe to the University of Sydney, as a suitable vehicle and proposed that it should be named the Barton Footbridge. As Barton was a distinguished graduate of the University of Sydney, it was felt that our proposal had significant resonances, minimal cost and high exposure.

We sought and gained immediate support for the proposal from the University and South Sydney Council.

The other significant stakeholder, Leichhardt Council, after months of delay, rejected our proposal preferring instead that the footbridge be named after the late Aboriginal leader Charles Perkins.

We will continue to explore ways in which Barton's birthplace can be commemorated.

Liz Simpson-Booker

CLEAN UP GLEBE

The new Clean up Glebe Project Team met for the first time in April this year. We identified the main reasons responsible for the often unsightly appearance of Glebe's streets and tried to develop strategies to improve the situation (*Bulletin 3/2001*, pp1-2).

Our aim is to help clean up Glebe by supporting Council's efforts and by encouraging residents to help. For that purpose, we established contacts to Council and exchanged numerous emails regarding, for example, street cleaning and the misbehaviour of waste and recycling collectors. The results so far have been promising and Council has been very quick to respond to our suggestions. We have revised the fax-back sheet jointly issued by the Society and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce* to provide residents with an easy means for direct feedback.

In order to get more systematic information on litter in Glebe we are in the process of establishing an email network, where Society members regularly report problem areas to us so we can discuss possible solutions with Council and residents.

In my role as convenor of the Project Team I attended a meeting on graffiti organised by Council and Housing Commission tenants and, together with our secretary, Liz, attended a meeting with a representative of the 'trolley tracker' organisation to discuss possible improvements in trolley retrieval [see report p7].

Horst Schwarz

* available from the secretary or from the Society's webpage: <www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGSI/CleanUpGlebe/CleanUpGlebe.htm>

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC including light rail

The past year has seen a few important improvements to the traffic and transport issues impacting in Glebe.

Two steps forward have been taken in the area of public transport:

Last August saw the opening of the light rail extension including new stops at Glebe, Jubilee Park, Rozelle and Lilyfield. The patronage of this new service is considerably greater than the consultant's initial estimates and the light rail company is now pursuing further extensions of the service, both into the city and towards Ashfield/Leichhardt.

The light rail was opened prior to the Olympics. The anticipated difficulty with park and ride commuters blocking up the local streets both during the games and subsequently has not materialised to any significant extent. It is also noted that the Olympic parking restrictions scarcely needed enforcing thanks to the extensive promotion of public transport usage for the games.

A further important improvement to public transport services in the area was the extension of the 370 bus operating hours to include weekend services. On the down side, we lost the Airport Express service, which had been uneconomical for a long time. The alternative public transport access to the airport via the light rail and airport rail link is sadly double the cost of the old bus service.

Francis Street

The Society remains actively involved in the issue of the reopening of Francis Street to two-way traffic. This street was reopened in an attempt to improve traffic problems caused by The Broadway Centre. In particular, the intersection of Broadway and Mountain Streets had become congested during peak hours. The intention was that diverting some of the passing traffic into Glebe Point Road might alleviate this. We remain unconvinced that the benefit to the Broadway shoppers is offset by the inconvenience caused in Glebe Point Road.

The iconic BADDE MANORS café had also suffered some damage as a result of trucks turning into Glebe Point Road – trucks are not supposed to use this egress but policing is improbable and some trucks still take this route despite urgings of The Broadway Centre to use alternatives. We remain disappointed that this reopening was notionally implemented as a six-month trial.

However the RTA has not presented a convincing evaluation of the trial and we can only be sceptical about their sincerity in implementing unpopular measures by stealth rather than carrying out proper trials. At this stage the issue is with Sandra Nori's office for resolution.

The intersection at Franklyn and Cowper Streets was modified during the year to prevent through-traffic. However, the opening left for emergency vehicles continues to be used by the general motorists. Council has acknowledged that its efforts to prevent infiltration through-traffic here have been less than successful and the situation is to be reviewed further.

By far the greatest impact on residents has been the introduction of the resident parking scheme. Council's introduction of this scheme can best be described as ham-fisted and seems to have succeeded only in alienating many residents and businesses. Notionally introduced to satisfy residents' parking shortages, apparently caused by commuter parking, the design of the scheme seems half-baked, introducing blanket restrictions and creating inconvenience to many to solve a few localised problems. Several on-the-run modifications have been made to the scheme as it was being implemented, including alterations to the zone system and the deferral of the implementation in some streets.

It would appear that Council's consultation with the community on this issue was less than satisfactory. There have been adverse impacts on businesses in Glebe Point Road, as many shoppers, including local residents now prefer the free parking at Broadway. Further erosion of the viability of Glebe Point Road businesses could have a deleterious effect on the character of the area. While the scheme will no doubt improve Council's cash flow position we remain concerned about the wider impact.

Other issues of interest include the impact of the proposed East West tunnel under the Sydney CBD. Our concerns include air quality issues and the likely impact of any additional traffic that might find its way to Pyrmont Bridge Road causing further congestion in the area.

Steve Stewart

CONSERVING GLEBE HERITAGE

Our focus this year has been on developing a heritage page for the Society's web site which outlines the basic aims and objectives behind our policy on heritage conservation. The web page discusses heritage conservation principles at a local and state level, and it is hoped that the information will be helpful and informative.

One of the aims of the Society is to promote heritage conservation as a means of interpreting the history of Glebe. This year we have had a number of discussions and meetings with Council's Parks staff culminating, at their request, in our submission requesting installation of interpretive signage in Foley Park (cnr. Glebe Point and Bridge Roads) which will outline the site's physical structure and history. We have recommended that the historic significance of the park be maintained by conserving the layout, stonework and planting scheme known to have formed the original design.

We are pleased that Council is reinstating the stone boundary wall in its original form, and are keen to retain period planting in historic sites, advising Council that native planting is not always appropriate in all parts of our municipality.

Christine Whittemore

Notes from the Editor's Desk



MAWSON PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

In recognition of their generosity in providing a home for the Society's archives, the Management Committee resolved to present Forest Lodge Public School with an annual Mawson Prize for Science, as well as a small annual donation to the School's library. Sir Douglas Mawson (1882 – 1958), Australia's most famous Antarctic explorer, was an old boy at Forest Lodge Primary.

REDUCE SPEED

Residents of Queen and Crown Streets have formed an action group urging Council to introduce speed-reducing measures to make their streets safer for pedestrians.

Residents point out that streets and footpaths are very narrow, and pedestrians are in constant danger of being hit by cars.

FAREWELL ERNEST RIDDING

An item in the *SMH* Column 8 on Saturday 30 June:

"Ernest Ridding, the Sydney character and charity worker, died on Thursday. For more than 20 years he and his volunteers at Ernie's Charity Recycling in Glebe repaired old fridges and computers and gave them to the poor. Although on an invalid pension, Ernie refused to take money ... In 1999 Ernie featured in the State Library's *Sydney Eccentrics* exhibition."

Ernie the fridge man, a legend in Glebe, is no longer there in body to provide inspiration against the materialism of the world.

Fiona Campbell

GRAFFITI TAG MURALS OR STREET ART FOR GLEBE?

The Glebe Area Tenants' Group invite interested residents of all age groups who live in the Glebe heritage Conservation Area to attend this month's general meeting which will be held:

Monday 30 July at 5pm
at The Old Fire Station in Mitchell Street.
Enquiries: 0409 660 366

The meeting will discuss:

- the location and number of proposed street murals planned by Leichhardt Council and
- the proposed subject matter and designs of the works
- Council's proposed invitation to Glebe youths, including hip-hop artists, to present mural designs for public exhibition and popular vote.

While there is clearly an interest in the area for graffiti/hip-hop tags/panels/murals, the majority of residents of all ages who live on the Glebe Estate, particularly in public housing, do not use cars and walk through the streets regularly. We would prefer therefore that Council's plans for street murals are put to the community for clear and open consultation, *before* being implemented.

We will advise the outcomes of this meeting to Council and the Department of Housing, and ask that they first take into consideration the aesthetics of the streetscape, the heritage significance of the estate and the objectives of a Conservation Area under the Council's Local Environment Plan 2000.

Lyndal Evatt
Glebe Area Tenants' Group

SUPPORT THE GLEBE SOCIETY Buy "The Entertainment™ Book"

The Entertainment™ Book is a restaurant and activity guide that provides special 25-50% and 2-for-1 incentives from many restaurants, hotels, theatrical companies and other attractions. Full information about these books can be found at <www.entertainmentpublications.com.au>

The Management Committee has decided to purchase a number of Books as a means of raising funds; we can sell you the current edition for \$55, and 20% of this price will go to finance the work of the Society.

How does it work?

Participating businesses provide offers as a means of introducing new customers; the Books are distributed through a variety of non-profit organisations who undertake to sell the Books as a fundraiser. By buying the Book, you receive valuable offers from hundreds of businesses and help support The Glebe Society at the same time.



What sort of offers?

Eating out offers are from establishments in the City, the East, the Inner West, among others: in Glebe, for example, Darling Mills offers 1 complimentary main course to the value of \$34, and Café Otto to the value of \$20, when a second main course of equal or greater value is purchased. You'll see that it is very easy to recoup the price of the Book, and go on to save on your entertainment costs.

For instance, the Sydney Symphony and the Australian Chamber Orchestras, the Powerhouse Museum, many cinemas, theatres and museums all offer two admissions for the price of one.

Offers in the current Book expire on 1 June, 2002 – so decide to buy one now! Contact the Treasurer, Paddy McNiece on 9552. 6656. If you like the idea, you might tell your friends, relations and work colleagues.

TROUBLES WITH TROLLEYS

Horst Schwarz and I met recently with Lyn Hall, Project Officer of Trolley Services Australia to discuss problems which have been encountered with supermarket trolleys in Glebe.

The Society was particularly concerned about the responsiveness of the system to a situation where, for example, the ownership of a trolley (which had been vandalised) could not be established. Because the system is geared to retrieval of property by individual companies, it is extremely difficult to activate it for a generic trolley.

Different systems to discourage trolley removal were discussed. All have inherent problems! As a result of our discussions, Lyn agreed to:

- Approach Leichhardt Council regarding the inclusion of a Trolley Tracker leaflet in a Council mailout to local residents. This has been done by other Councils with, for example, their rate notices. The leaflet states that it is an offence to leave trolleys outside a shopping centre. The reverse of the leaflet carries the message in 8 different languages.
- Contact The Broadway Centre regarding the display of laminated signs near exits to dissuade people from removing trolleys.

The Society remains concerned about the lack of transparency with the Trolley Tracker system. For example,

- Trolleys do not carry the Trolley Tracker number.
- There is no overt complaints procedure. When a member of the public calls the Trolley Tracker number, the menu only offers gates for reporting trolleys belonging to various organisations. A caller must actually use the word 'complaint' before the complaints mechanism kicks in.

Liz Simpson-Booker

Congratulations!

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

were presented by the Leichhardt Mayor to St. Helen's Community Centre Meals on Wheels volunteers for making a real difference to the quality of life of many people in our community. Volunteers always needed - phone Paul Carson on 9367. 9357.



VOLUNTEER AWARD

Society member Mary Szentel was recently awarded the Mayor's Volunteer Award, recognising the contribution that her children's performance group makes to the community. Mary was one of 29 local residents to receive the award at a ceremony at Leichhardt Town Hall as part of the International Year of Volunteers.

ANOTHER AWARD!

to Maria Bamford, Kerri McGuire and staff at the Glebe Public School Before and After School Care Centre who received an award for outstanding service to the children of Glebe.

IS ANYONE INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY GARDENS?

The Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Community Garden Group will meet at 11 am on Saturday 18 August in St. John's Parish Hall (RECORD REIGN Hall) in St. John's Road to make plans for the coming year's work in the Glebe community garden in the grounds at St. John's.

More information from Elizabeth Rooney on 9566. 2561
More gardeners are needed – come along and join in!

Notes from the Management Committee meeting held 11 July

GLEBE SOCIETY WEBSITE

We hope members have visited our new website which can be accessed at

<www.glebesociety.org.au>

Feedback and suggestions are welcomed. Our thanks to Webmaster Cynthia Jones

and President Bruce Davis, as well as others who have had a six months' involvement in the design and development of the site including Chris Korgemets and Paddy McNeice.

If you have *dumped rubbish, graffiti or other matters to report to Council*, you can download the 'Glebe Street Clean' fax-back form from our website. Just fill it in and fax it.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Leichhardt Council has advised that money is available for the fabrication and installation of two community noticeboards, as envisaged under the Glebe Point Road Main Street Project ten years ago. We will be seeking from Council details of its management plan for the noticeboards, including their maintenance to ensure that they remain free of graffiti and posters. The meeting noted that the noticeboards should contain information about Glebe and its status as a Conservation Area.

AIR QUALITY IN GLEBE

Some time ago, the Society – and many others - provided input on the RTA proposals for the Cross City Tunnel. Despite objections, we note that the RTA is still not proposing to install electrostatic scrubbers in the only tunnel exhaust stack to be located in Darling Harbour.

We noted recent press reports that pollution levels in Pyrmont and Ultimo already exceed State environmental standards one day in six. As a consequence, we have written to Leichhardt Council expressing concerns about the proposed Cross City Tunnel and its impact on the air quality in Glebe. In our view, the only way of measuring the impact of the Cross City Tunnel and the effectiveness of the RTA measures (or lack of them), is to benchmark existing air quality and undertake further testing when the tunnel is in operation.

Notice Board

The Sydney University Graduate Choir and
Orchestra
presents:



AMADEUS

a concert of music by Mozart:

 Magic Flute Overture

 Kyrie K.V. 341

 Requiem K.V. 626

in The Great Hall of Sydney University

Tickets \$25

Enquiries and reservations to 9660. 6363

Sunday 12 August at 3pm

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2001 CENSUS

The Royal Australian Historical Society and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations urge those completing the census form on 7 August to vote 'YES' in the appropriate place so that your household census form can be kept in the National Archives of Australia.

This will allow data to be available for genealogical, historical and medical research by our descendants in 100 years time.

GLEBE MUSIC FESTIVAL

David McIntosh has given us early notice that this year the Festival will be held from 10 - 17 November and is being specifically planned to celebrate the Centenary of Federation – see Diary this issue.

Full details will be announced later in the year. Music lovers, keep the dates free!

10 - 17 NOVEMBER



FROM THE GLEBE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
18 – 25 AUGUST

Leichhardt Libraries are hosting competitions for kids with prizes and different categories for different ages. The competitions close on Wednesday 15 August. Entry forms are available at the Glebe Library.



CELEBRATE MIFFY AND
FRIENDS AND THE ART OF
DICK BRUNA

From 27 July to 24 August, the Library will be hosting a Miffy Exhibition, and Miffy will be appearing in person at special

MIFFY STORYTIMES at 11 am on:

Tuesdays 7, 14 and 21 August

Kids can have their photograph taken with Miffy at 11 am on:

Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 August

Competition winners will be presented with their prizes at a

MIFFY PARTY at 6 pm on:

Wednesday 22 August

All children and parents are invited – please reserve your place by ringing:

Glebe Library 9367.9262.



PCYC

The Glebe-Leichhardt Police and Community Youth Club have a large hall available for hire at a reasonable cost, for sporting activities, martial arts, conferences, meetings, etc.; there is also a stage area suitable for small stage productions.

The Hall is available most afternoons between 4 and 6 pm; on Fridays it is free from 9.30am to 9pm.

Contact the Club Controlla Amanda De Gioia for further details, on 9660. 2557 or 9566. 1444.

For Your Diary ...

Monday	30 July	Glebe Area Tenants' Group meeting on Graffiti 5pm Old Fire Station, Mitchell Street – all welcome, see p9
Monday	6 August	Friends of Callan Park meeting – all welcome 7pm, Lilyfield Neighbourhood Centre, cnr. Cecily and O'Neill Sts.
Wednesday	8 August	Management Committee Meeting 7.30 pm Toxteth Hotel meeting room – all welcome.
Sunday	12 August	A Concert of Music by Mozart , see Notice Board
Sunday	12 August	Botanical Tour of Callan Park at 11 am - contact Terrill 9818. 8795
Sunday	19 August	Annual General Meeting 11 am at Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road, see p1

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday	22 September	Federation Dinner and Fund-Raising Auction , see pl
		Glebe Music Festival - Provisional Programme
Saturday	10 November	Evening Concert and Dinner at Margaretta Cottage
Sunday	11 November	Afternoon Colloquium and concert "1901", Great Hall, University of Sydney
Saturday	17 November	Evening performance by Innominata Choir at St Scholastica's Chapel

We are glad to publish letters or articles:

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