



# Glebe

# Society Bulletin

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## President's Report 2000-01

When I began this report, I was impressed (as I am sure are most presidents) by the diversity and importance of the issues with which we grappled over the past 12 months. However I was brought down to earth when I came across some material on the Society's role in the acquisition and refurbishment of the Glebe Estate in the early 1970s. Reading these paragraphs made me think the founding members of the Society lived in a time of giants! They fought for really great causes; without their determination and skill, the built and cultural environment we enjoy today would have been destroyed.

Perhaps the big battles are behind us, but I was left wondering whether we have failed to recognise significant issues that are important in our time. I will explore this point further at the end of my report. It's certainly important to keep alive the crusading spirit of the early years. Recently a member suggested that now might be a good time to write a history of the Society, and personally I think this would be a fitting tribute to our founders and a reminder to all of us of the reasons for the Society's existence.

The main issue of the year without doubt was the inquiry into local government in the inner city. Not for years has an issue stirred such passion, promised so much (for good and bad), but resulted in so little. The Society worked hard to encourage constructive debate. After a lot of consultation among members, we drafted a submission that advocated new thinking about the means by which council services are delivered, and how councils should be structured to make them both democratic and efficient. Commissioner Sproats' report hit a brick wall because it challenged entrenched interests and set off

political alarms in Macquarie Street by proposing boundary changes. His report contained much food for thought but unfortunately it seems that the baby may be thrown out with the bath water. Something needs to be done to improve the financial capacity of inner city councils that lack the milch cow of a substantial commercial or industrial rate base. At present their capacity for discretionary expenditure designed to improve the quality of life is very limited.

Over the years, members of The Glebe Society have had some exciting ideas on what could be done to improve and restore Glebe – the acquisition of the Glebe Estate, Bicentennial Park, the light rail, are all projects in which the Society has had a hand. Even though things might look rather gloomy at the moment, I believe it is important that the Society remains true to its heritage and continues to develop and promote new ideas for Glebe.

In the long term, I hope the Government recognises that it needs to improve the financial viability of inner city councils – with or without boundary changes – in order to allow them some latitude to support worthwhile community initiatives. In the short term we will just have to work a bit harder to screw the dollars out of whichever authority holds the purse strings.

Other important developments during the year included the proclamation of the new town plan and Leichhardt Council's controversial parking scheme about which the Society had considerable reservations. In our near neighbourhood, the State Government plans to sell part of Callan Park to finance a new psychiatric hospital [see p3]. This is a regional issue that affects Glebe, and perhaps we should be more active in trying to preserve this wonderful asset.

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## **ACHIEVEMENTS 2000/01**

It might be boring, but its important! The introduction of our new membership and financial records database during the year has given us a far sounder basis for the administration of the Society. Our main duty is to our members and we've got to know who and where they are. Equally, we can't do the things the Society was set up to do if we don't manage members' funds properly. In the capable hands of Paddy McNeice and Gail Pratt (we will certainly miss them when they leave for Queensland) the database has greatly simplified and improved our administrative procedures.

The website has been another major achievement. At this stage it is too early to assess properly the impact it will have on the Society, but I suspect that it will become increasingly influential as the years go by. Now the initial hard work has been done, we need to explore how we can fully exploit this powerful communication tool. We will also need to think more about how it should relate to the *Bulletin*. My thanks to Cynthia Jones for her work in gathering together and editing the substantial volume of material that is available on the site, and to all those members who Cynthia harassed into assisting in this task.

The move of the Society's archives to BRIARBANK at Forest Lodge School was another achievement. Our archives are an important source of information about Glebe over the past 30 years, and they should be cared for properly. Hopefully they will be safe at BRIARBANK for some years to come. Thanks to Horst Schwarz and Lyn Milton for arranging the move.

Thanks also to Horst for reinvigorating the Society's Clean Up Glebe campaign. His efforts seem to be bearing fruit with Council; if only he could find a way of educating visitors and residents not to litter in the first place!

Once again we had a great Christmas party, despite accidentally being locked out of the Heritage Fleet's wharf and the unseasonal downpour that threatened to wash us away. Other very successful social events included the inaugural tram ride to Lilyfield and walk through the Glebe tunnel, and the beer tasting at the Malt Shovel Brewery. Thanks to all the organisers of these events, and in particular Judy Vergison.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

There are some problems that nobody seems to be able to solve. The Society's membership remains stable, but it's not growing, and we're still not able to attract young people.

Maybe great causes will help attract new members and there are a couple of potential causes on the horizon.

The last Management Committee meeting heard a presentation on possible ways of reducing or eliminating through-traffic in Glebe [see pp6-7].

All of us who have seen the line of cars and trucks stretching along Bridge Road in peak hour will agree this is a cause worth pursuing, and it is a natural progression from one of the causes that brought the Society into being – the campaign against the Western Distributor. The proposed solution has the added advantage of helping achieve another of our aims – the rejuvenation of Wentworth Park by linking it to Blackwattle Bay.

Another cause could be a campaign to clean up the environment in Glebe as part of an effort to reduce street crime [see p4]. This idea was floated recently by the new Leichhardt police commander, and several people have wondered if it would not fit well with the resurrection of the Glebe Point Road Project.

## **Thanks**

In conclusion I would like to thank all the members of the Management Committee who have helped me through my two years as President. In particular I must acknowledge the work of our Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker, who has kept me and the whole organisation running incredibly smoothly, and who has agreed to continue in this arduous role, and Bobbie Burke who has set a new standard of excellence as editor of the *Bulletin*; she will be a hard act to follow.

And lastly . . .

I acknowledge my failure to live up to my promise made at the AGM in 1999 to complete Management Committee meetings on time.

My excuse is that there are too many important things going on in Glebe for us to talk about, but it's also possible that we like a good yak!

Bruce Davis

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# An update on the campaign to

## "Save Callan Park"

First signs of Leichhardt Council entering the fray to save Callan Park from being carved up and sold off are now appearing. Council's "SAVE CALLAN PARK" banners are up across Darling Street in Balmain and Rozelle, and across Norton Street in Leichhardt.

And residents will soon receive from Council a 'community vision' publication inviting them to participate in developing what the people want for Callan Park. There will be a questionnaire included with plenty of scope for comment.

Council will also be holding a Community Planning Forum on the future of Callan Park on Monday 10 September, 7pm, at Leichhardt Town Hall.

The Friends of Callan Park are as active as ever with well-attended botanical tours on 12 August and a constant round of picketing and leafleting of any public functions attended by key ministers. Special attention is now being directed at State MPs in the hope that we can get some movement on the Callan Park Trust Bill. This Bill would put Callan Park on the same level as the Botanical Gardens and Centennial Park with a Trust to manage the site.

The Trust Bill would also guarantee the continuation of the psychiatric hospital which the Health Department wants to close, justifying the move to Concord hospital on the grounds that people with mental illness would benefit by new facilities and being close to general medical facilities at Concord.

Council and the Friends of Callan Park do not accept this. There is a continuing need for long-term care for which Callan Park is ideal and the cramped Concord site is not. In the

absence of adequate long-term care facilities at Callan Park, 120 mental health beds are being added to the psychiatric section at Long Bay Jail reflecting a trend to criminalise people with mental illness. John Stuart Mill, the famous 19th century British philosopher, once commented that the best indicator of a society's level of civilisation is the way it treats its most vulnerable members; judging by the way NSW governments have treated people with psychiatric illness, the level in NSW is not high.

as the heritage study carried out by Howard Tanner and Associates, is still being treated as a state secret. (This study was one of the documents refused to the *Sydney Morning Herald* when they did an FOI request.)

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**What was noteworthy about those meetings was not just the overwhelming rejection of the Government's plans but the absence of a single local voice raised in support."**

Despite this, the Health Department wants the closing of Rozelle hospital to be accepted as a done deal. Yet the future of mental health is not rocket science and it is incontestable that mental health has been a public scandal for decades. A full public discussion of this issue rather than some bureaucratic diktat is what is needed and is beginning at last. (Jean Lennane, a psychiatrist and president of Friends of Callan Park, has produced a draft paper on this question and it is available from 10 Wharf Road, Balmain.)

All this public activity is in stark contrast to the Health Department and the Urban Design Advisory Service who continue to beaver away behind closed doors in developing the Government's master plan for Callan Park. Even the research underpinning this master plan, such

Government's plans but the absence of a single local voice raised in support.

Undeterred, the Health Department is still threatening to put their master plan on public exhibition in November and have it ready for the Minister of Planning's signature in February. But if public opposition proves as determined as it is widespread (including in local Labor ranks) it remains unlikely that the Government will dare to act in so blatantly an undemocratic manner.

Friends of Callan Park meet on Monday, September 3, 7pm at Lilyfield Neighbourhood Centre, corner Cecily & O'Neill, Lilyfield. Enquiries 9564. 2876 or 9560. 8486. All meetings are open to the public.

Councillor Hall Greenland  
for FRIENDS OF CALLAN PARK

## CCTV - Will it combat crime?

The merits of closed circuit TV (CCTV) as a means of reducing street crime in Glebe were discussed at a meeting at St Helen's Community Centre on Monday, 13 August.

About 20 people, including Council representatives, police and residents, were present. The meeting was called by Leichhardt Council to present some information about the legislation governing the use of this technology, to highlight recommended protocols, to discuss objectives and to provide a forum for those present to express their views.

Interesting comments were made by the new police commander for Leichhardt, Superintendent Mick Plotecki, who was not enthusiastic, pointing out that:

- CCTV could reduce petty crime initially, but in the longer term its effect is to displace crime to areas *not* under surveillance;
- young offenders were often able to work out how to avoid cameras;
- cameras are of limited use in terms of response as street crime might take only a moment, and even the best monitoring and response would be lucky to catch a criminal in the act; and
- experience shows that, because of quality issues, pictures from CCTV were not always effective in obtaining convictions.

On the cost side, Peter Head (Director Works and Services, LMC) said a set of cameras working one location would cost about \$45,000. The number of sets required for a trial would be three: total cost \$135,000. Monitoring of the three camera sites would cost \$25 an hour: \$219,000 a year; total \$354,000 - and that's only a trial!

Supt. Plotecki said police would co-operate if the Council decided on a trial but he believed the money could be better spent on other initiatives, e.g. improving lighting, cleaning up graffiti (the New York idea that if a place looks uncared for, crime will gravitate there), community programs, better co-operation with the Department of Housing etc. He also said he was instituting a more active policing policy that involved getting his people out into the difficult areas.

Annette Griggs (Director of Community Services, LMC) explained the privacy protocols in place as a result of State legislation.

It appeared that Mayor Mairé Sheehan and Councillor Chris Windsor (Glebe/Annandale ward) had reservations about the idea, however they have a political problem because of a perception in some areas of the community that CCTV is 'the answer' to street crime.

The meeting agreed that there was some support for the idea of CCTV; Superintendent Plotecki undertook to talk to the Chamber of Commerce (which was not represented at the meeting) and Council.

Annette Griggs will use the feedback and discussion at the meeting to develop a proposal which will be presented as a progress report to Council at its September ordinary meeting, with a view to finalising a proposal in November.

I suggest that the Management Committee keep an eye on this issue as I suspect the outcome may be more people-based than technology-based, and there could be a role for the Society.

Bruce Davis

### Parking Rollback Continues

Members will recall that as a result of protests, some rollback had already occurred. Most of Glebe Point was exempt from resident parking, meters were deleted from Lombard Street, and parking restrictions removed from most of the area surrounding the Toxteth Hotel.

On 24 July, Leichhardt Councillors approved a further rollback. In each of Glebe Point Road, Darling Street Balmain, and Norton Street Leichhardt, thirty three metered spaces will be equipped with a button to allow fifteen minutes free parking

There are a number of unanswered questions about this decision:

- Who will decide which of the hundreds of metered spaces will have a period of free parking?
- On what basis will such decisions be made?
- How and when will the public be told of the decision and the method of implementation?
- How will drivers know which are the privileged spaces?

There are also more general questions being asked by members. Given the difficulty of reading meter instructions, especially at night, will Council make this task easier? Since there are few, if any, commuters at weekends, how can Council justify operating meters at that time?

Glebe Chamber of Commerce has indicated it will seek a further rollback. Residents of Forest Lodge, which has little off-street parking, have indicated their concern with current enforcement.

In general, there are indications Councillors approved the meters and measures over-hastily, and with little understanding of the actual conditions or possible consequences. It is fair to point out there was considerable opposition to the proposals at the time, but the only response by Councillors was an amendment to restrict meters in Balmain by two of them.

Neil Macindoe

## The Glebe graffiti debate

How do graffiti tags/panels impact upon the community? Is graffiti art, an important outlet for youths to freely express their skills and for others to respect? Or is it visual pollution, perhaps vandalism, too expensive a phenomenon to keep under control? Does it lie somewhere in the middle? Even with heritage conservation principles and State legislation in place to protect Glebe Estate walls against graffiti and Hip Hop art or indeed Mona Lisas, it seems that in Glebe in 2001 *The Spray Can is Mightier than the Law*.

The Glebe Tenants' Group suggests, from a simple yet well-researched perspective, that the Department of Housing and Leichhardt Municipal Council undertake a pilot project of graffiti control in the Glebe area, reviewable say, in 12 months.

Our proposal is that these two bodies jointly:

- dedicate 2-3 large areas for Hip-Hop tag/murals and other graffitiists after widely published invitation to community consultation.
- initiate the removal of all illegal graffiti, at least from the Glebe Estate, including the Hip Hop murals; start with a clean slate, and consult with the whole of the community to decide upon walls on the Estate and murals. It is important that DoH and LMC invite the whole community to participate. Any design submissions should be open to all residents and put on public display for a popular vote; winning designs to be painted by youths from the area under the auspices of an artist.
- consider a multi-faceted approach to keep graffiti under control in the area, rather than just one model, like regular 'Clean Up Graffiti' days in the community.
- offer all residents a paint kit with paint of the same colour as their house (or a house visible or near to them with an external wall) to paint out graffiti, ideally within 24 hours.
- Council and DoH could work through the Department of Juvenile Justice's Graffiti Removal Program. The labour is provided free by the Young Offenders' project. Police should take appropriate action against graffitiists vandalising properties, even if they are young, as a deterrent.

The bottom line is that residents would like to be treated with fairness and with respect. Shouldn't the Department and the Council be seen to consult with the whole of their community regarding issues such as graffiti murals in their streets? The majority of the Glebe Estate community, while supportive of recognition for youths, also realise that Hip-Hop culture has limited appeal, and should not necessarily be given priority over other youths tags, or indeed other styles of art. Our group is not against murals in appropriate places but what about a case for plain walls on peoples homes?

And so to Leichhardt Council ...

How about proper consultation for the whole community? ... or *is it the squeaky spray can that gets the oil?*

Following our public meeting in July [see *Bulletin* 6/2001, p6] the above proposals will be presented to Leichhardt Council at its meeting on 28 August.

Lyndal Evatt - President (2000/1)  
Glebe Area Tenants' Group

## Farewell Gwen Knox

Gwen Knox, the Society's oldest member, was born in the UK; she died in Glebe on 4 August 2001, at the age of 97.

Following the death of her husband Gwen moved to Glebe in 1972 to live with her daughter Jeanette.

Until quite recently Gwen was part of Glebe's daily life and an active member of the Society. She involved herself in major issues, including the proposals to demolish most of Glebe for expressways, and to replace the 19<sup>th</sup> century Glebe Estate with high-rise housing towers.

She enjoyed the Society's 'Monday Group' and took pleasure in their steady production of knitted and crochet rugs for Glebe's ELSIE women's refuge. She was a member of the gardening group which flourished in the 70s, and she enjoyed working in the gardens of her Victoria Road house.

Her daughter has been variously convenor, secretary and president of the Society, and Gwen, being familiar with the issues, cheerfully took phone messages on the issues of the day, adding words of encouragement that charged us to push on with the battles!

She was a regular at concerts and theatre, as well as the Society's social events.

We will miss her presence and enthusiasm. Our condolences now go to Jeanette

Alison McKee



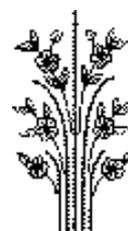
## Best wishes Betty Wright

I visited Betty (a long time member of the Society) in Prince Alfred Hospital on Saturday, 11 August when she was barely conscious, and again on Thursday, 16 August when she was more able to respond, and even mouth a few words.

For several weeks before her stroke we were partners in a bridge game at St Helen's Community Centre and she was in fine form, winning a Little Slam, the top-scoring hand of the series. As a member said when they heard she was ill, *if we all managed to look as good, and have as pleasant a disposition as Betty at the age of 87, none of us would mind growing old!*

I'm sure the thoughts of all of us are with her until she is back with us again.

Neil Macindoe



# Can Glebe be saved from through-traffic?

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A local resident is campaigning to significantly reduce through-traffic throughout Glebe by the closure of Bridge Road at Wentworth Park. He asks “... why is the State Government taking traffic off a six to eight lane State highway and putting it on a two lane residential street?” Andrew Kay addressed the August meeting of the Management Committee, and his proposal is set out below.

The level of traffic on Bridge Road, Glebe has increased steadily over recent years to more than 20,000 vehicles per day, despite government promises that the ANZAC Bridge would reduce traffic. Traffic flow is now an almost round the clock nightmare for residents. Through-traffic affects other parts of Glebe including Wigram Road, Ross, Street, St Johns Road and Glebe Point Road. There are many ‘rat runs’ also contributing to the problem.

There are more than 2,500 residents in more than 600 residential properties on Bridge Road affected by this constant through-traffic. The recent boom in inner city development of the City, Ultimo/Pymont and Inner West witnesses more traffic on Bridge Road, to the extent that queues extend from Glebe Point Road to Wentworth Park for several hours each day.

The problems include:

- excessive noise and vibration
- polluted air at street level that smells
- high number of accidents
- increasingly dangerous driver behaviours through congestion frustration
- vehicular damage to buildings resulting from accidents
- speeding traffic
- high volumes of heavy diesel and noisy container trucks
- poor pedestrian safety
- hazards to cyclists
- sleepless nights

A residents’ scheme has been developed that significantly reduces through-traffic throughout Glebe by the closure of Bridge Road at Wentworth Park. The closure maximises the potential to improve local amenity by connecting the park to the waterfront, minimises inconvenience to local residents, businesses and visitors, while catering for continued access to Broadway Shopping Centre, Pioneer Concrete and the commercial strip of Glebe Point Road. The closure, together with ancillary measures to control traffic in and

out of Bay Street at Wentworth Park Road, effectively cuts out most through-traffic in Glebe.

The elimination of a set of traffic lights at Wattle Street and Bridge Road intersection allows for significantly improved regional traffic flows and is a positive gain for the RTA.

The Environmental Impact Study for the Cross City Tunnel forecasts an extra 1,800 vehicles per day coming through Glebe as a result of the Tunnel and a corresponding reduction on Parramatta Road. This must be questioned – why is the State Government taking traffic off a six to eight lane State highway and putting it on a two lane residential street?

Glebe is bounded to the north by the City West Link and ANZAC Bridge, and to the south by Parramatta Road. It is estimated that 30% of traffic on Bridge Road will remain, as it is local. The remaining 70% is estimated to be split evenly between the two arterials. Spread over 24 hours there is a good case that these routes can handle the extra volumes.

By significantly reducing through-traffic in Glebe the entire area will benefit with fewer accidents, increased pedestrian safety, less danger to children, less noise, less pollution and increased opportunities to improve local amenity. The scheme also avoids the many costly ‘band aid’ solutions the Leichhardt Traffic Management Scheme proposes.

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Driver behaviour will improve since it is more local and less aggressive. Calming the area to through-traffic will help raise community care and responsibility standards, and will help with other initiatives to reverse the decline of Glebe.

Other closure options have been considered but in the main each would require extra expenditure for ancillary treatments in local streets, as through-traffic would find alternate routes through Glebe.

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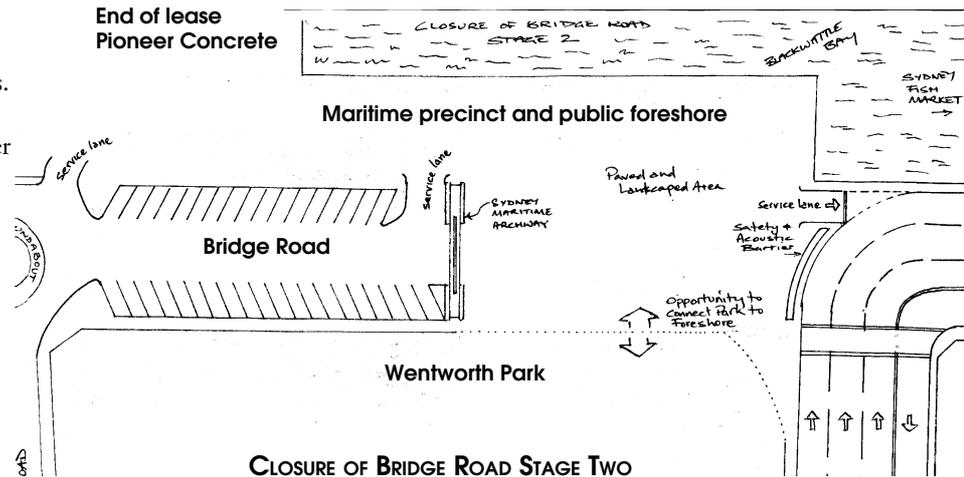
The closure at Wentworth Park would be in two stages. The first stage allows full access in and out for Pioneer Concrete for the duration of their lease. Other authorised users of the maritime wharf would also have the same access rights. Minimal landscaping and controlled parking would preserve current levels servicing the fish markets and local businesses.

The second stage converts to a full closure retaining parking and a landscaped pedestrian zone accessing the waterfront and maritime activities. Provision for emergency vehicle access and maritime activities is made via a service lane. The closure therefore supports the State Government's scheme for a working maritime port at the location, and supports its REP 26 public access to urban foreshores policy.

Wattle Street would increase to three lanes northbound at the 'former' intersection with Bridge Road with a possible uninterrupted flow onto ANZAC Bridge.

For far too long people of Bridge Road have endured the steady increase in through-traffic. Much like the 'Boiled Frog Syndrome' there has been a grudging acceptance, while harbouring deep resentment at feeling helpless, and all the while suffering the effects.

End of lease  
Pioneer Concrete

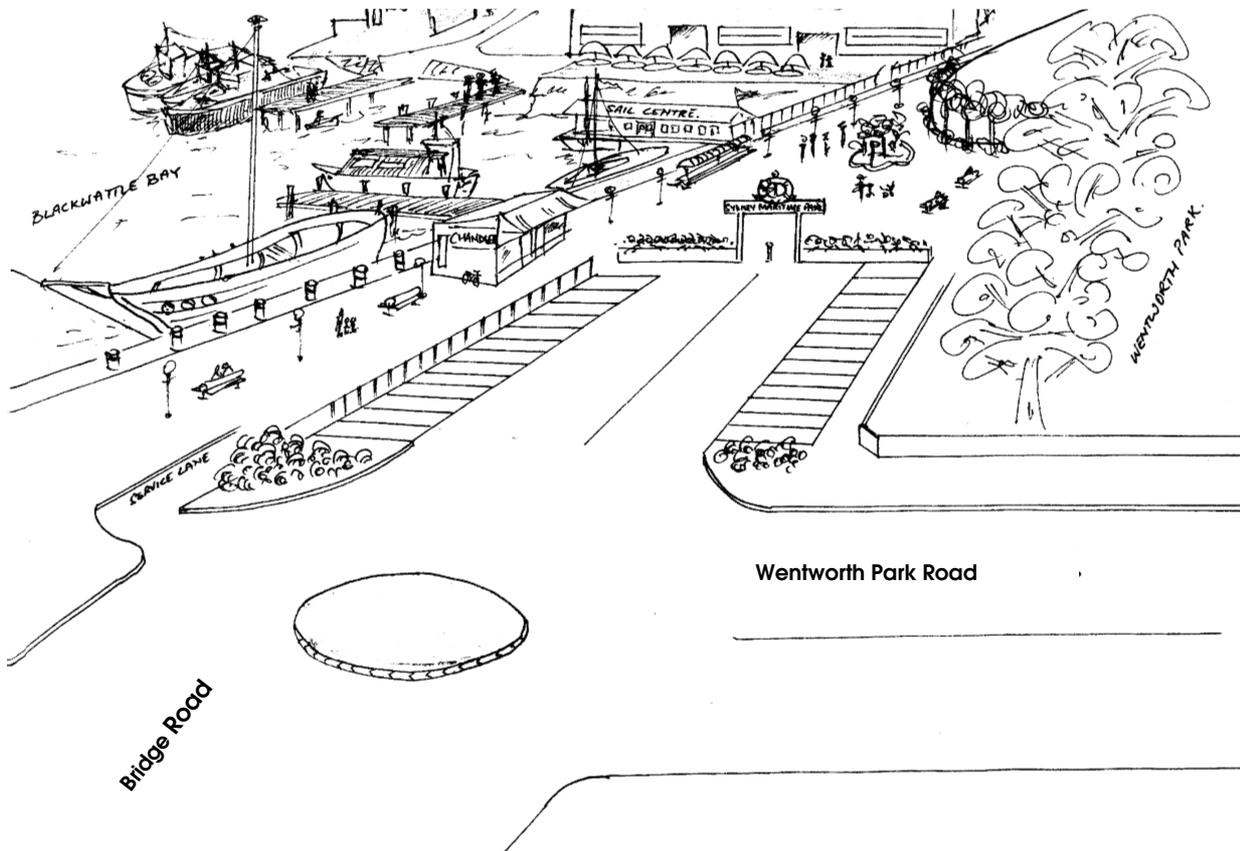


This scheme has been developed specifically with a positive 'can do' frame of mind. Our aim is to make the Minister for Roads and Traffic, the Hon. Carl Scully, aware of our deep concerns and to offer a considered solution that the majority of Glebe residents and businesses support.

We are at the stage of garnering support and refining the proposal. Acting together in a unified voice we have a chance of making a historic achievement for the benefit of people over traffic in an environmentally and socially sensitive inner city locality.

If you would like to lend your support, individually or collectively, or if you have any comments, please contact me on 0418 207 362

Andrew Kay



# Notes from the Editor's Desk



## VACANT CROWN LAND

The Department of Housing has written to the Department of Land and Water Conservation supporting the Society's proposals for recreational use of the vacant Crown land at the corner of Glebe and Franklin Streets. If the local community was to be involved in the redesign and reuse of this land, there is potential to reinvigorate a local precinct that has long been subject to negative influences.

## SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON

Elva Salter, the Principal of Forest Lodge Public School, has told us that Sir Douglas Mawson attended the School in the 1880's, continuing his education at Fort Street High and The University of Sydney.

He became Professor and Head of the Department of Geology and Minerology at Adelaide University. Mawson House, one of the sport houses at the School is named after him, as is the Mawson Prize for Science recently donated by the Society.

This is my last edition as Editor. I've really enjoyed the task and happily hand over to Bruce Davis who, having retired as President, will take on this responsibility from September.

Bruce's email address is <bjdavis@bigpond.net.au>

Thanks to all who made it possible for the *Bulletin* to come out on time over the last four years – the proof readers and mail out team Cynthia Jones and Ian Edwards (assisted whenever called on by Liz Simpson-Booker), John Sleeman, Paddy McNeice and Gall Pratt who kept the membership list and, of course, the contributors.

Bobbie Burke

## VIVA ITALIA!

Leichhardt Council has produced a 128-page report entitled *The history and heritage of Italian-Australians in the Leichhardt Local Government Area*.

The report recommends, inter alia, the incorporation of the following as heritage items in the Council LEP as places of state significance:

- St Fiacres Church, presbytery and monuments at 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt
- The Melocco Brothers office, showroom and factory at 1 Booth Street, Annandale
- Melocco family properties at 84 and 86 Johnston Street, Annandale.

The report also identifies the following properties as being essential to the Italian character of the area and recommends they be listed as contributory buildings in the Development Control Plan :

### In Leichhardt

- La Rustica, 435 Parramatta Road
- Santoro Delicatessen, 361 Parramatta Road
- The Riviera Coffee Lounge, 367 Parramatta Road
- Castorina Butchery, Parramatta Road and Hay Street
- The Albert Palais, Parramatta Road and Catherine Street
- The House of Cerrone, 15 Catherine Street
- The Café Sport
- The Mezzapica Cakeshop, 130 Norton Street
- The Bar Italia, 169 Norton Street
- The Zuliani Studio, 220A Norton Street
- The Villa Rosa

### In Glebe

- The Galluzzo Fruit Barn

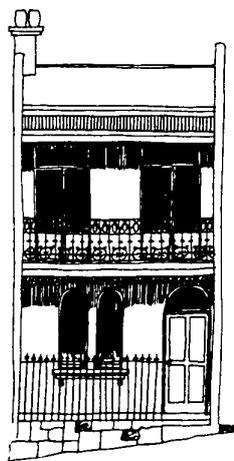
### In Balmain

- Sidoti's Fruiterer, 499 Darling Street
- Casamento's Fruiterer, 57A Darling Street.

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## To Glebe

Arrived in Glebe  
thought my street a little village  
the neighbours friendly.



Come see my house, they said  
see my bathroom, tub under window  
renovations galore  
remove the paint from the cedar skirtings  
have a stripping party, finish the hallway.

What colour are you painting the house?  
pink.  
two shades of pink,  
trimmed with flame ironwork  
Oh.

And the garden?  
a tiny Glebe garden  
can I help?  
cuttings, coffee, conversation,  
coffee, cake, sun in Glebe Point Road  
fabulous!

Marg Sheppard



The report on the Glebe Point Road Project in *Bulletin* 5/2001, pp8-9 brought back some memories for its first Deputy President and Society member Ken Burgin. He remembers ...

- **the display stand set up by Anglins at the Glebe Street Fair in 1989 –**

lots of pictures and impressions and ideas, all pasted on the outside of several large refrigerator boxes (as tall as a person) so that people could circulate around and view them. And the magnet was a very elderly man I found busking down at Circular Quay who sat there to play the gum-leaf and the saw. He sat and played for about eight hours, and had to empty his cap of change several times during the day!

- **the Art Shows –**

lots of interest was aroused by encouraging artists to go and tell shop-keepers they would be doing a picture of their shop and encouraging them to come along (I still have mine!). Artists don't usually think of marketing their work!

- **the work in 97 and 98 to develop public art proposals for the street –**

led by me, Ann Martin (Cultural Planner at LMC), Chris Newton and Maureen Cahill. Two highlights: the meeting on a Saturday morning for a show-and-tell and consultation at the Valhalla – 89 people attended! Distinguished by some great discussion and the walk-out of the rector of St Johns. His scathing and bitchy letter to 'the Council' (no cc to me of course!) still sticks in my memory! Most of this was subsequently sabotaged by Larry Hand at LMC.

Surviving piece? – the boxing gloves outside Gleebooks.

Ken Burgin

## Notes from the Secretary

### THANKS BRUCE!

Under the Society's constitution, the President can only serve a two year term and thus Bruce Davis stood down at our recent AGM. In his two years at the helm, Bruce achieved an enormous amount. The Society's administration has been significantly upgraded and streamlined and our 'public face' has been increased significantly through the creation of our own website. Bruce's energy, drive and determination ensured that these projects came to fruition.



The nightmare for every president of a voluntary organisation must be to face the prospect of having to prepare a major submission to a public inquiry. Such a project is a huge strain on resources. The Society's submission to the recent Sproats' Inquiry involved many meetings with members and other organisations, analysis and consultation as the submission was finalised. Bruce sailed through the exercise with equanimity!

On a personal note, I would like to publicly thank Bruce for his constant good humour, his accessibility and boundless enthusiasm. He made the Secretary's task much easier!

At the recent AGM John Buckingham was elected President for the coming year, and we extend a very warm welcome to him and other new office bearers [see p11].

### BARTON IN GLEBE

The Society received some valuable editorial support in *The Glebe* (15 August 2001) on the desirability of formally recognising that Glebe is the birthplace of Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister. One option canvassed is an 'official' graffiti mural depicting Glebe's history and incorporating the fact that Edmund Barton was born in Hereford Street.

### PROTECTORS OF PUBLIC LANDS

The Society notes with interest the formation of a new coalition (*SMH* 20 August 2001). The Mayor of Leichhardt, Councillor Mairé Sheehan is an interim convenor of the coalition which includes:

- Leichhardt Council
- Defenders of Sydney Harbour Foreshores
- Friends of Callan Park
- Hunters Hill High School P&C
- Friends of the Earth
- National Parks Association
- Australian Conservation Foundation

The coalition has called for an immediate moratorium on the sale or lease of significant public lands. The Society will maintain a watching brief on the coalition's progress.

### JACK MUNDEY AO

Members who viewed the Archibald Prize exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW this year will undoubtedly have seen Robert Hannaford's portrait of Jack Munday.

The portrait has been acquired by the Historic Houses Trust to acknowledge the pivotal role Jack Munday has played in the conservation movement in Australia. The portrait is hanging in the members' lounge at The Mint building in Macquarie Street.

# Notice Board

## You are invited to the next meeting of the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library in the Benledi Community Room.

The Friends are very fortunate to have as guest speaker at this meeting Dr Graeme Clark, Emeritus Professor, School of Humanities Australian National University, Canberra.

Dr Clarke is a world authority on early Christianity, and his topic will be

*“ Who built Shask Ham Dam tomb No.1 ”*

The Shask Ham Dam Tomb is a recently discovered tomb, built around the 1st and 2nd century AD, in northern Syria, an area where Dr Clarke has been excavating for 18 years. The tomb is unique in its style, being decorated with over seventy relief statues, all of women.

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More information from Ros Wheeler, phone 9660. 7430

**Monday 10 September at 7.30 pm**

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## EVENTS AT LEICHHARDT LIBRARY 64 RENWICK ST LEICHHARDT

### 1) NOW AND THEN

Tram photograph exhibition:  
a comparison of photographs taken in  
the 1940s and in 2001.

On exhibition during Library hours

**Monday 17 - Friday 21 September.**

### 2) THE GLEBE RAGGED SCHOOL

Launch by Max Solling of the first of  
Leichhardt Library's Occasional  
Publications Series.

**Thursday 20th September, 6-7 pm**

## WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES OF LIVING AND WORKING IN THE AREA?

Did you work on the waterfront, or in the old Grace Brothers building? What are your memories of the pubs, theatres, sporting clubs, shops, schools, etc.

We are calling for participants and interviewers for our Oral History Programme which will record and preserve reminiscences for use by (present and) future generations.

**Come to the Launch at  
Balmain Library, 370 Darling Street  
Guest Speaker: Councillor Kris Cruden**

Drinks and supper provided. Let us know if you are coming (for catering purposes), and for more information please call:

Margaret Penson, Leichhardt Local Studies Librarian on 9367. 9266.

**6.30 pm Wednesday 12 Sept.**

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## For Your Diary ...

Monday	3 September	<b>Friends of Callan Park meeting, Lilyfield Neighbourhood Centre</b> 7pm, cnr Cecily and O'Neill Sts Lilyfield – all welcome
Monday	10 September	<b>LMC Community Planning Forum on the future of Callan Park</b> 7pm Leichhardt Town Hall, all welcome, see article p3
Monday	10 September	<b>“Who Built Shash Ham Dam Tomb No.1?”</b> – see Notice Board
Wednesday	12 September	<b>Leichhardt Library Oral History Programme Launch</b> – see Notice Board
Saturday	15 September	<b>“Trams – Then and Now” Photographic Exhibition</b> – see Notice Board
Thursday	20 September	<b>“The Glebe Ragged School”</b> – see Notice Board
Saturday	22 September	<b>Federation Dinner and Fund-Raising Auction</b> Flyer and booking form enclosed - <b>BOOK NOW !</b>

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday	10 November	<b>Glebe Music Festival</b> – running until 17 November Full details next Bulletin
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**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.**

**All correspondence should be addressed to:**

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