



Glebe Society Bulletin

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President's report for 2001/02

A good year, but challenges ahead

While I suspect that those reading this report (or hearing it read) are eager to learn about the general health of The Glebe Society, I'm afraid you'll have to wait while I talk about myself for a moment.

Firstly, let me say how sad I am that I won't be at the AGM to present my report personally. Andrew, I know, will do a splendid job in the chair (and I thank him for filling in for me on yet another occasion), but the AGM would have been a nice occasion to finish my presidency. When I was asked to stand as President, I had certain misgivings as my experience on the Management Committee while considerable, pre-dated the 1990s and I had the impression that I may not suit the sleek organization that The Glebe Society had become. My fears were soon allayed: the super-efficiency of Liz as secretary and of Paddy, then Fay as treasurer; the wisdom of Bruce as mentor; and the unruffled willingness of Andrew to substitute for me whenever needed; the hard work and tolerance of the committee members and convenors, all combined to make my year sheer bliss.

Secondly, I should indicate that while I won't be as intimately involved in the running of The Society next year, as Immediate Past President I will serve on the Management Committee and will make myself available to convenors where I can be used productively. I do this with alacrity, and commend to all members the satisfaction that can come from assisting the designated convenor in an area of your interest. It does not have to be time consuming, but is invariably rewarding.

Convenors' reports have dealt with

specific matters that have occupied The Society during the year, so I'd like to talk more generally about our activities.

The Past Year

The organisation of our Society is very polished, from the most immediate record keeping (minutes of each Management Committee meeting are typed and in my hands for checking within a day or two), right through to the long-term sustained records (our archives). Communications within the Management Committee between meetings are succinct and often - usually via email. Communications with members are effective. Both the *Bulletin* and the website have earned praise from members for their

content, their presentation and their provision for feedback.

'Our funds are as healthy as they have ever been'

Our social events have been happy occasions for members and where they were intended as such, effective fundraisers. Our funds are as healthy as they have ever been and are sufficient to allow us at least to begin any campaign if we were presented with the need. This, despite our augmenting our annual prizes to local schools with a video to commemorate the Centenary of Federation and the birth in Glebe of Australia's first Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton.

Committee members and convenors have worked tirelessly and effectively in their portfolios. Submissions are well researched, well presented and **usually** appreciated by the recipient. From my perspective, mutual support and assistance within the group has been vital. Commonly, where we have a particular activity loading up one convenor, others

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provide immediate support. It is impractical to thank all convenors individually here; invidious to mention only some; but with real appreciation I thank all generally. I will however vary from my rule to thank separately those people who fill in on an *ad hoc* basis whenever we have a role to be filled and those quietly doing regular, vital jobs for us without a mention in the *Bulletin*. Thank you Bobbie Burke as occasional editor of the *Bulletin*; Betty Mason for monitoring newspapers and maintaining our newspapers clippings file; Ian Edwards for providing prompt (and cost saving) delivery of minutes, agendas, and other papers to the Management Committee; and Cynthia, Ian, Fay and Bruce (the *Bulletin* mail-out team).

So everything is perfect? Not so:

- applications to council for inappropriate development continue to plague us and this includes inappropriate development (such as 15-storeys on the corner of Booth Street and Bridge Road) getting through the system (in this case via South Sydney Council);
- too many of our carefully researched, time-consuming submissions on important matters to various authorities are effectively ignored;
- at the time of writing we remain *in limbo* in terms of the council we belong to;
- our membership is unevenly spread across Glebe;
- while we have a few young, dynamic powerhouses as committee members and convenors, generally we are not appealing to the younger newcomers to Glebe.

Immediate Future Challenges

- establishing contacts with our new council or developing closer contacts with our present council (depending on which council we end up with);

- monitoring the Fletchers' development to ensure it achieves its potential to provide a very large area of usable, waterfront public open space integrated into the rest of Glebe's waterfront open space, and to make sure that all buildings (including the restoration/adaptive re-use of the Walter Burley Griffin incinerator) enhance the amenity of Glebe;
 - ensuring our decades-old bays and foreshores policy is not thrown into jeopardy by control of the Blackwattle Bay foreshores being changed to Sydney Harbour Foreshores Authority;
 - preventing inappropriate development of sites where an inappropriate Development Application is awaiting consideration by Council (several are in this category at this moment);
 - helping developers understand Glebe is special and encouraging them not to lodge DAs that detract from Glebe;
 - discouraging vandalism in Glebe;
 - improving the appearance of Glebe Point Road (and St John's Road) as Glebe's public face by implementing the Glebe Point Road Project;
 - broadening the membership base of The Society;
 - improving our convenor/committee system to involve actively a greater proportion of our membership and thus exploit the knowledge and skills existing in our community.
- I again thank the Management Committee and convenors for their work, their support, and for their unfailing good humour and tolerance. To all members I stress that your involvement and support have been vital to the well-being of The Society. I look forward to the same involvement and support over the next year.

- John Buckingham

Heritage in Brisbane

I'm just back from a flying visit to Brisbane, staying with a friend in Taringa - just 6km west of the CBD in an area known as the Golden Triangle - golden for its preponderance of "Queenslanders" and golden for the prices paid! On stilts, of course, with latticed-in verandas and timber boards for every surface: floor, walls and ceilings. Great surfaces to paint these airy cool spaces are... such a different environment to what we have in Sydney.

But the pressures are on for higher densities and Brisbane City Council is now allowing subdivision into smaller house lots. Yet this area, and others like it, are designated "Character Zones" (our Heritage precincts)... and so a conflict of goals. These predominantly pastel pavilions are found within the dark greens of fig, pandanus and palms. But once you subdivide and build between and behind, the predomi-

nant green surrounds dwindle and the setting is lost, the character weakened.

My friend, although an urban designer, has no quick fix answers. To freeze the area, to maintain its sub-urban low density is to deny the need for greater urbanity and diversity that inner city areas tend towards, and which people also delight in.

The City Council has opted for this change, this metamorphosis into something else. They would argue that the "character" of an area is not just found in its visual delights, but also in those attributes of facilities, amenities and diversities of use that flow from greater densities.

Fortunately for Glebe, these higher densities were established from the beginning.

- David Mander Jones

Make or break time for Bays

The next few weeks or months will see enormous pressure needed to salvage the best possible outcome from development plans for Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Despite TGSi representations we believe that the Waterways Authority has plans to turn the northern shore of Rozelle Bay into a make-as-much-money-as-it-can maritime precinct.

Whatever spin is put on the scheme, there is no doubt it stems from the building of the financially disastrous Super Yacht Marina for the year 2000 Games. A temporary marina concept was sold to residents of surrounding suburbs at a series of public meetings when the master plan for Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays was being prepared. Waterways head, Mat Taylor, promised these gatherings that by March 2001, six months after the Olympics, the dozens of craft of the rich and famous would be gone and so too would the marina. History now tells us that the projection of super yacht numbers was ridiculous against the numbers that actually came and the whole project was a loss making white elephant.

TGSi had argued for the creation of an historical and working harbour precinct along James Craig Road, to cater for tourist numbers generated by the Fish Market. Our suggestion incorporated the old Glebe Island swing bridge, a permanent home for the Heritage Fleet and the retention of the contractors located at the western end of Rozelle Bay. Historic buses and trams from these two transport museums would have operated between the Fish Market and the museum site.

It seems that the Marine or Maritime Forum will be a major player in the area. The body was established as a defence alliance by the wharf building contractors and some charter vessel operators. According to "well informed sources", it will be one of two developers to be granted most of

the Rozelle Bay site. Their trade-off appears to be mutual support, with the Heritage Fleet kicked out to make room.

We know that the Heritage Fleet's proposal to retain its present back-of-operations site for the restoration and repair of its fleet has been rejected. It did not even make the short list, presumably because it had no money to offer. The only assurance the Heritage Fleet has is that it will not be pushed out until it has a new home.

However, Waterways doesn't seem to care what or where the new home is. The "Fleet" was first pressured to take on the old army dock at Hunters Hill, and when that fell through, part of Cockatoo Island - a site that can't be sold because of contamination. The Heritage Fleet has good relations with the Hunter and there is a possibility it may have to move to Newcastle where it would be wel-

Heritage Fleet "may have to move to Newcastle"

comed as part of the old Honeysuckle Rail Yard redevelopment, which adjoins the harbour.

While it has definite plans to set up an annex in Newcastle, the Heritage Fleet wants to keep its main operation in Sydney, centred on the James Craig until further vessels are restored. The Fleet will shortly begin a survey on the hull of the 'Kanangra' where TGSi held a Christmas function a couple of years ago on a wet and windy night. Restoration of this motor vessel, with machinery in good condition, could provide the Heritage Fleet with an ongoing source of income.

The good news is left till last. A bright note came from a meeting of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) recently, which

indicated a very practical plan for development of the Fish Market site. It also brought the formal announcement that this Authority has been given control of the wharf area along Pyrmont Bridge Road from the Waterways Authority.

Provided SHFA retains control there is hope that the Coal Discharge plant adjacent to the Fish Market will be restored. The overhead ore-bridge or gantry was hacked down in a crude demolition rather than being dismantled for easy restoration.

But - and it is a positive "but" - SHFA has suggested that it would welcome the Heritage Fleet at the Pioneer site when the concrete batching plant is moved. That could be a long time - there is almost two years of the current lease and even then another location has to be found for Pioneer.

The Heritage Fleet sees this site as the best alternative if it has to move from Rozelle Bay. Already there has been discussion with the Glebe High School and TAFE. The High School's new role would sit well with an opportunity to learn the practical side of trade skills. TAFE has a Marine School that could be relocated to the site. Heritage Fleet consultants have advised that the existing aggregate and sand hoppers could be turned into a five-storey building to accommodate these facilities.

My recommendation is that TGSi should support this concept. More than that, we should ask for the immediate transfer of the Heritage Fleet to the re-developed wharf area adjacent to the Pioneer site, which would allow the potential for expansion when and if Pioneer is moved.

There are some very good reasons to do so.

- The riveting skills, unique to the Heritage Fleet could be

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Mayfair... Hartford... Carlyle... Florence... Morocco... Minnesota... Montana...

An itinerary to distant and exotic places? No, Glebe house names!

Houses were often known by their names in the days before the numbering of houses became fully systematised early in the 20thC.

Apart from the obvious influences suggested above, many other preoccupations and aspirations are demonstrated in the way properties have been named by their builders, architects or owners.

Some Glebe examples

In Glebe, for example, there are the 'Rivers of Tasmania' terraces (1903) in Glebe Point Road (corner Hereford Street) where *Derwent*, *Tamar*, *Huon* and *Esk* stand side by side.

Further down Glebe Point Road at Nos. 433-445, there are terraces (1899-1900) named alphabetically - and with some brevity - *Abna*, *Boro*, *Cama*, *Divo*, *Freya* and *Gaza* (we can only guess at what the missing "E" terrace may have been called). (*No longer: when I was photographing the houses - see above - the occupant of "E" volunteered that the house's name is Edna.* - Ed.)

The *Alpha*, *Beta*, *Gamma*, *Delta* and *Epsilon* terraces (1892) in Wigram Road (Nos. 63-71) suggest an owner, architect or builder with a classical education or perhaps aspirations to one.

Was *St Elmo* (1895) named after the patron saint of ships? Many Australian houses were named after the ship which brought immigrants safely to these shores. Was *St Helens* (1902) a reference to the attractive legend that this saint, reputedly the mother of the Emperor Constantine, was an Englishwoman and daughter of Old King Cole?

Fashions in names

Gould¹ indicates that early and mid-Victorian house names displayed a sense of grandeur. For example, in



Glebe we have *Toxteth Park* (1831) and *Lyndhurst* (c1835).

In the late Victorian and Federation period (which was when much of the development occurred in Glebe), house names tended to become more personal and given names were often used. Some local examples are *Edith Villas* (1877), *Alice Villas* (1911), *Florence Villa* (1873-6), *Beryl Lee* (1910) and *Louisa Terrace* (1875).

Styles of presentation

House names might appear in gold leaf, frosted or stained glass fanlights (*Kerribree* at 55 Hereford Street is an exquisite example) or in panels of timber, metal (brass, copper, gold leaf) or glass (often in combination) beside the front door or on the verandah beam above the front steps.

Researching your house name

If you are considering re-searching your property's original name, you should first check the Certificate of Title for useful information (eg, date built) and then check the holdings of

- the State Library (eg, Sands Directories, Post Office Directories, etc),

- the Society of Genealogists,
- NSW Archives, and
- Glebe Library (local history section).

The Glebe Society also holds some limited information on this subject and we would be pleased to handle requests in writing.

The architecture of Glebe tells its own story; but house names augment this and add a poetic flourish to mere bricks and mortar.

*"A house without a name
is a house without soul"*

- Liz Simpson Booker

¹ Gould, Graham, *House names of Australia : The complete guide to naming your house*, Lyre Bird Publications, Moonee Ponds, 1994, p. 6.

Glebe Society photo exhibition

Judy Vergison reports that there was not sufficient support to go ahead with the planned photo exhibition during Glebe week. Maybe our keen amateur photographers could dust off their lenses and plan to exhibit next year?



Glebe's motels are in trouble

What Are The Banks Up To?

Last month I reported University Lodge, the motel in Arundel St, had applied to go residential. This month the Rooftop Motel, 146-8 Glebe Point Road, applied to do the same thing. Curious, I thought.

The light dawned when I received an email from Andrew Clarke, proprietor of the Haven Inn, 186 Glebe Point Road, saying he would like to discuss a plan to change to dwellings, as the bank would no longer support motel use.

David Mander Jones and I met with Andrew on Saturday, 3 August and the full picture emerged. The banks had financed a lot of hotel development prior to the Olympics. Both then and since the tourists failed to materialise, especially after September 11. Many had failed or gone residential. Those that survive do so by offering reductions, especially midweek. Glebe's aging motels cannot compete with these discounts.

Max Factor, 431 Glebe Point Road

Another victim of the tourism slump is Traveland, which took over this prominent late fifties industrial building. The new owners are not content with a conversion to dwellings: they also seek to increase their profits by adding three extra floors at the front, which becomes five storeys when viewed from Leichhardt St. Even though the additional storeys would be set back, they would be visible from almost everywhere in and around Glebe, except from the street immediately below.

Such an increase is totally unacceptable. The Society has objected vigorously, and will try to gain the support of the National Trust. Local residents, led by Society activists Bob Armstrong and Louis Patsalos, are outraged and rallying the community.

The proposal is for a total of 82 units. Parking and traffic movements, overlooking, privacy, overshadowing,

substandard accommodation and lack of open space are also issues. The Society has requested the period for objections be extended because it is such a major proposal. Members can have objections noted until the matter comes before Council.

Aniello's, 284 Bridge Road

Despite loud resident protests, on 9 July Council granted deferred commencement for this restaurant to revert to a private hotel with 21 rooms. The prime resident concern was parking, as only one space is provided (shades of 1971!) There was also concern about the standard of accommodation, much of it converted storerooms, and the combined effect of the redevelopment of the Campbells site on the western side of Junction St. The border between Leichhardt and South Sydney, the underground Orphan School Creek, runs through this site, and South Sydney has a plan to provide an open space link along the Creek line to Parramatta Road.

Originally a pub, Aniello's was converted first to a boarding house (1955) and later to a private hotel (1965). It was operating as a restaurant from the seventies without formal approval. It was always overshadowed by its more glamorous compatriot, The Mixing Pot in St Johns Road, one of only two Glebe restaurants that consistently score chef's hats.

Chinese Temple, 2 Edward Street

The Sze Yup Temple is on the State Register as well as the local one. The Chinese community wish to build a small hall at the top of the site, in front of the substation and adjacent to the Temple complex.

The proposal will help to ensure the present use continues, thus preventing residential development. Hence The Society supports it, while arguing the bulk and height of the proposed hall is too great and should be reduced, and any trees removed should be replaced. The Society has also requested some interpretation of

the site be included because of its heritage significance.

Toxteth Uniting Church, 19 Toxteth Road

This temple, however, with the accompanying Hutchinson Memorial Hall (1898), is proposed to become residential. Some years ago the Uniters moved to the old City Mission Hall in St Johns Rd, and more recently the kindergarten in Hutchinson Hall moved to St Brendan's Hall, Johnston St, Annandale. Since then various unsuitable schemes have been mooted, but the present solution, whereby each building becomes a separate dwelling, with small extensions at the rear and fairly minimal alteration, is more acceptable, in the absence of any religious revival.

The Abbey, 156-60 Bridge Road

On August 8 Leichhardt Council's Planning Committee recommended exhibition of a Development Control Plan (No 49) for this controversial, heritage-listed site. I wrote in my annual report last year this was probably the longest running issue in the municipality. My impression is that most people would prefer to see the site cleaned up and the buildings correctly restored, but otherwise for the site to remain much as it is.

The heritage consultants Godden Mackay Logan produced the DCP. Its thrust is to clarify where and to what extent new development on the site may take place, the uses to which the heritage buildings may be put, and the distance required between them and anything new.

Reussdale is proposed for residential use, and the garden that used to be in front should be reinstated. The DCP is more ambivalent about the remainder of the site. For the stone church, low intensity commercial use is preferred, but other uses not excluded. The small cottage, Hamilton, may be retained for residential use, or it may not. No building may be forward of the church anywhere on

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More about planning

DCP released for Abbey site

The Abbey site has been a matter of concern for and considerable lobbying by the Society over many years.

The buildings now on the site comprise *Reussdale* (the former church manse, a charming Victorian building now in a shocking state of disrepair, which features prominently in the Smiths' book on the architectural character of Glebe), *The Abbey* (the former Presbyterian church moved to Bridge Road), and *Hamilton* (another house designed by architect Ferdinand Reuss). All three buildings are listed as Leichhardt LEP heritage items, are classified by the National Trust, and *Reussdale* is also on the State Heritage Register.

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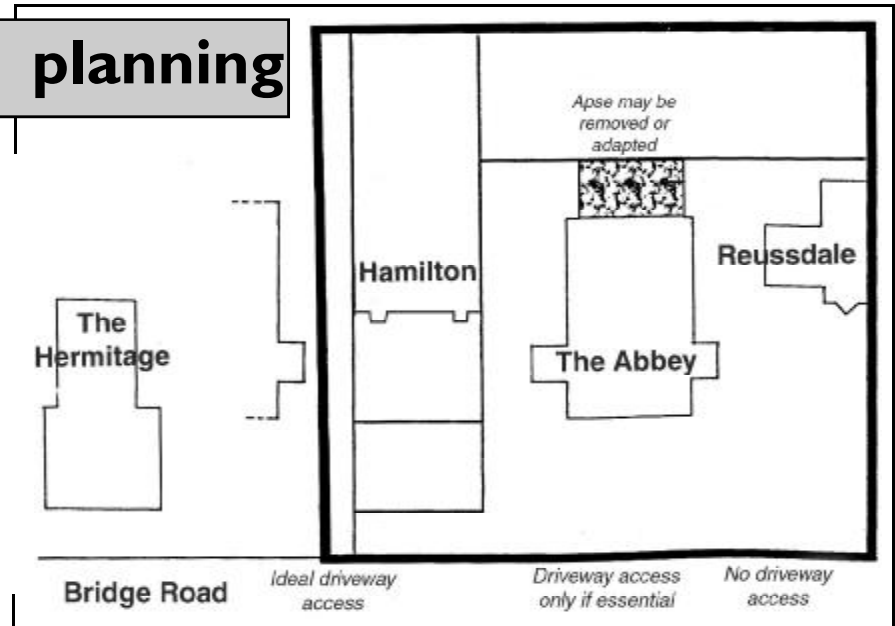
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the site. Vehicular access is to be as far east as possible, and there are height controls for new development (see diagram above).

Members often ask me in amazement how Leichhardt Council, with such a huge rate income, can be so chronically strapped for cash. This DCP gives an insight into how it happens. It is a very simple document, and could have been produced in-house in half a day. Instead, although it has been needed for many years, it was only recently produced by a consultant at considerable expense. It is also a good example of how Leichhardt Council is notorious for shutting the stable door after the horse has well and truly bolted. Forward or advance planning means having this kind of document in place in order to avoid the costly disputes that have plagued this site for most of the last 25 years. Let us hope it is not too little, too late.

Interested members should keep an eye out for when it goes on exhibition, probably in September.

- Neil Macindoe



The whole site is within the Glebe Conservation Area as classified by the National Trust.

Recommendations for development guidelines were prepared by Heritage Consultants Godden Mackay Logan, following a review of existing documentation, inspections of the site, and a consultative workshop involving the owners, their architects, and the NSW Heritage Office as well as Leichhardt Council. The objectives of the project include:

- provision of detailed controls and guidelines for potential development, encourage the conservation and enhancement of the Abbey Restaurant, *Reussdale* and, should it be appropriate, the *Hamilton* building,
- facilitate orderly and controlled development of the site, including the adaptation and reuse of existing heritage items, and
- assistance for the site owners and their advisers in preparing a development submission for the site, which displays innovative design and architectural excellence, and which minimises impacts to the heritage significance of the site and the surrounding conservation area.

The document covers assessment of heritage significance, land use controls, for conservation of existing heritage items, controls for new

development (e.g. along Reuss Street), and landscaping. The preferred land use plan indicates the desirability of *Reussdale's* being retained as residential, *The Abbey* as commercial and *Hamilton* or its site as residential, with further residential development at the rear of the site along Reuss Street.

The landscape plan includes specifications for the retention of major trees, reinstatement of a formal garden forecourt to *Reussdale* and screen plantings to facilitate the perception of *The Abbey* in a garden/landscape setting.

The document is quite lengthy and detailed and establishes a clear hierarchy of value for *Reussdale*, *The Abbey* and *Hamilton* in that order, with emphasis on the State significance of *Reussdale*. There is acceptance that *Hamilton* might well be lost, though obviously any development that retained it would be desirable. New development on the site must be compatible with the existing buildings and the streetscape in Reuss Street.

After so many years, it would be wonderful if the owners of the site, with their architects, were to present an imaginative and sympathetic proposal for this major element of the Glebe streetscape. I'm sure Neil Macindoe and many other Glebe residents will be monitoring any propositions.

- Jeanette Knox

Max Factor site proposal “must not proceed”

The proposed conversion of the former Max Factor site, more recently known as Traveland, to residential use with 82 units, would impact in a totally unacceptable way on the immediate environment and the precinct generally, most specifically Glebe Point Road, and the views from the Bays and Anzac Bridge.

It is in breach of Planning Legislation and violates heritage standards.

The proposal seeks to increase the height of the existing building by some three stories and to increase car parking capacity by excavating underneath the building, threatening the stability of adjoining properties. The Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for Glebe is 0.7:1. This proposed redevelopment has an FSR of 3.41:1 —some five times what is acceptable for Glebe. The proposed additional storeys affect the building’s heritage status, impact visually on the environment, and cause overshadowing.

As is well known, traffic and parking is already a real problem for the Leichhardt Street, Stewart Street and Oxley Street precinct, exacerbated every time a new development is approved. The proposal not only impacts dramatically on traffic but has ingress and egress into Leichhardt Street from one point, a situation specifically addressed in 1986 with the then redevelopment to office space which required a separation of ingress and egress of traffic.

The above issues are only some of those to be addressed. With balconies proposed for units facing Glebe Point Road and adjoining properties, issues of noise and privacy are very real. The poor quality and amenity of the proposal is exemplified by some units with internal bedrooms having

TGSI birthday party bash



*Sunday, 14 July, 12 pm
- and we were off!*

The Hon. Sandra Nori came to see us off in style with a delicious nut cake to celebrate The Glebe Society’s 33rd birthday. This was in addition to The Glebe Society Chocolate Cake – both of which were duly consumed during the course of the cruise.

Our voyage on the Lady Wakehurst was under the guidance of John Powell from the Heritage Fleet who gave us a guided tour of the harbour. Firstly travelling up into the depths of Blackwattle Bay, past both new and old structures. Then an exhilarating ride through the Glebe Island Bridge and past the seagulls who are nesting on the bridge and who were unmoved by our presence.

In the next three hours we sailed the Harbour from the fascinating (and now publicly open) Cockatoo Island in the west to the Garden Island naval dockyard in the east. Many people brought their picnic hampers for an Italian style event, and tea and coffee and refreshments were also available on the ferry. Some 100+ people attended



the excellent event which was an all round success.

- Hilary Wise

*(Lady Wakehurst is operated by Sydneyside Cruises, ph. 9552 1823
www.sydneysidecruises.com.au)*



no access to natural ventilation and daylight.

The proposal must not proceed. The site is not appropriate for residential development. Commercial/office space, the existing usage, retains employment in the area, impacting positively on the commercial /small

business activity in Glebe Point Road. Any new proposal should seek to reduce the size and impact of the building.

Watch this situation carefully and be active in retaining Glebe Point Road as the beautiful Avenue it is.

- Bob Armstrong

Notes from the Secretary

GPR spring clean

With Glebe Week scheduled for 7-15 September, it's time to give Glebe Point Road a bit of spit and polish. A Glebe Society working bee will be starting at the Parramatta Road end at **9.30 am on Sunday 8 September** (finishing at 11.30 am). **Please come along and join us.** We won't be hiring the Council graffiti trailer on this occasion, so it is suggested you bring protective gloves and suitable tools to :

- clean rubbish out of the garden beds near the fountain, and near the school,
- weed same,
- scrape stickers off the decorative lights near the fountain (paint scrapers and water sprays needed), and
- remove stickers and posters from traffic lights, street signs, power poles, vacant buildings, etc.

Even if you can spare only an hour, this will help us make a difference to Glebe.

The future of Lyndhurst

Members will be aware of the plans by the Historic Houses Trust to relocate their offices to The Mint in Macquarie Street in 2004. This raises the question of what will happen to their current premises at *Lyndhurst*.

For those members who are new to Glebe, Lyndhurst (c.1835) is a two-storey villa at 57A Darghan Street, designed by architect John Verge for Dr James Bowman (Principal Surgeon of Sydney Hospital, and brother-in-law of John Macarthur). The building is listed on the State Heritage Register and on the Register of the National Estate, as well as being classified by the National Trust.

The Glebe Society has particular affection for this building. The prospect of its demolition and

Department of Main Roads plans to bisect Glebe with an expressway, galvanised residents to form the Society in 1969. The Society was instrumental in the preservation and restoration of Lyndhurst as one of only two surviving Regency villas in Glebe (the other is Toxteth Park). We have raised with the Trust the question of what is planned for the future of this historic property.

The Historic Houses Trust has indicated that it has not considered the matter at this stage but has offered the Glebe Society an opportunity later in the year to meet for discussions with Mrs Jill Wran, President of the Trust.

We would welcome ideas from members about Lyndhurst's possible future. Please write to us at PO Box 100, Glebe 2037, or email the Secretary at secretary@glebesociety.org.au.

Fish Markets – community consultation

As this is written, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is holding a Community Representative Workshop (21 August) to discuss the Sydney Fish Market Master Plan. The aim of the workshop is to provide an overview of how issues raised at the initial stage of the Community Involvement Programme have been addressed in the master planning process and to seek advice on the proposed stages, with the aim of minimising issues during the exhibition phase. The Master Plan will go on public exhibition from 30 October for a month.

21stC Romanesque

Three cheers for the designers of the new premises for the Hindmarsh Medical Practice in Glebe Point Road. They have created a purpose-built structure which fits nicely into the human scale streetscape of our suburb. The first floor arched windows are a 21stC acknowledgment of the Victorian Romanesque and Federation Romanesque which

are such a feature, not only of Glebe, but of much of early Sydney.

Presentation to Library

The Glebe Society will present a framed photograph of Sir Edmund Barton to the Library at a meeting of the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library at Benledi on Monday 9 September 2002 at 7.30 pm.

Sir Edmund Barton, Australia's first Prime Minister, was born in Hereford Street, Glebe on 18 January 1849. After studying at Sydney University, he played a significant role in NSW State politics before turning his energies to Federation.

The presentation of the picture, which it is hoped will hang permanently in the Library, celebrates an important aspect of our local history and recognises the pivotal role which the Library plays in the intellectual and community life of Glebe.

New Management Committee

Andrew Craig was elected President of the Society at the Annual General Meeting at Benledi on 25 August. Hilary Wise is the new vice-president. Other members of the Management Committee and convenors are listed on page 11.

Bruce Davis reported on behalf of the Treasurer that the Society had experienced a bumper year financially with excess of income over expenditure of nearly \$7000, mainly due to the success of the Centenary of Federation function.

However, due to a hiatus following former treasurer Paddy McNeice's departure, a significant amount of work is necessary sort out all the detailed paperwork required before the accounts can be sent for audit. For this reason the AGM was adjourned until a date to be set when the audited accounts will be presented.

From the Editor's dungeon

This is a packed *Bulletin*, and unfortunately several items have been truncated or held over. Therefore my column this month comprises useful news rather than my usual rambles.

STOP PRESS... Councils decision

The Government has won its appeal against a decision by the Land and Environment Court that blocked plans for a change of local government boundaries that would see Glebe incorporated into the City of Sydney. Three Supreme Court judges heard the case on 18-19 July and their reserved decision was handed down on 30 August. The case revolved around technicalities relating to the Boundaries Commission's report rather than the merit of its recommendation.

Light rail

The Government has put light rail access through the CBD back on the agenda. \$500,000 raised from its parking levy will be spent on a series of studies to determine the best route options. Officials of the Department of Transport point to the fact that city traffic conditions will be different following the opening of the cross-city tunnel and therefore the favoured route is likely to be different to the Pitt and Castlereagh Street option previously proposed. The study will be carried out by the "Light Rail Reference Group" which comprises solely Government officials. It is due to report in the second quarter of next year - after the State election. The idea of a western extension of the current route through Leichhardt has been put on the back burner until after the CBD is sorted out.

We need help!

The Society desperately needs someone to lead our Clean up Glebe campaign. Horst Schwarz filled this role with great energy and we risk losing the gains we made under his leadership. Many members listed this area as their primary interest on their renewal forms, so how about someone volunteering before the Manage-

ment Committee is forced to employ a headhunter?

Missing members

Quite a few financial members from last year will not receive this *Bulletin*, in the main because they have forgotten to renew their membership. In past years Marianne von Knobelsdorf would have rounded them up in a flash. Unfortunately Marianne is still in Germany following the death of her father and the illness of her mother. She hopes to return to Australia but is not sure if she can stay permanently.

Cross-city Tunnel

The Society is making a submission in response to the revised draft environment impact statement on the proposed cross-city tunnel. The increase in traffic movements in Glebe is a major concern. More information about our submission will be published in the next *Bulletin*.

In the meantime we have received responses to our letters to the Minister for Roads and the RTA. The response from the Minister's office

Could members please report any sightings of our erstwhile Council worker who used to keep Glebe Point Road looking tidy?

contains nothing new, repeating the RTA's view that filtering systems are largely ineffective in improving air quality, but not ruling out a retrofitted system if technology improves in the future. The RTA's letter is no more helpful. Both point to a reduction in vehicle emissions as the best method of improving air quality.

Vale Russell Brickhill

Albert Renshaw has alerted us to the death in May of Russell Brickhill, who was an early Treasurer of the Society. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Nora, their four daughters and three grandchildren.

From the archives

A series from the Society's archives selected by Archivist, Lyn Milton.

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Max Factor Building

We selected this item in view of the DA recently lodged for the same building (see pages 5 and 6).

Max Factor is vacating its building on Glebe Point Road. A development application has been lodged for the building to be converted to storage units. Bob Armstrong has written a letter expressing concern about the excessive hours proposed for access to the storage units and the traffic problems which would be caused.

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Bays report

used to reconstruct the Coal Plant and obtain a revenue source for the organisation.

- The development would be as open as possible, with walk through exhibition sites of many pieces of marine memorabilia now hidden away in storage in various parts of the city.
- The concept would be compatible with our aim to establish a foreshore walk around Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Undoubtedly the most important point to make is that such a project would be in keeping with SHFA objectives to develop an area of public interest around a viable Fish Market and retail centre.

On a very much smaller scale, working for the Heritage Fleet is a man who is attempting to bring back some of the old ferryman's craft to the harbour. Michael may be seen from time to time around the Fish Market in his rowing skiffs. I have suggested he should research the route used by these craft to the bottom of Ferry Road - it seems likely there will be a link.

- Collin Hills

Notice Board

Glebe Youth Service



We would like to invite The Glebe Society members to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 September, 6 pm at 84 Glebe Point Road.

- Dorothy Bottrell, Co-ordinator. Glebe Youth Service

Spring clean for GPR

In preparation for Glebe Week, the Society has organised a spring clean for Glebe Point Road starting at the Parramatta Road end at 9.30 am on Sunday 8 September, and finishing at 11.30 am. Contact Liz Simpson Booker, on 9518 6186 for details.

Strategic planning day

The Glebe Society will conduct a strategic planning morning on Saturday, 7 September, at Judy Vergison's house, 26 Bellevue Street, starting at 9 am. The aim of the meeting is to identify strategic goals for the Society for the next few years. It follows a similar meeting several years ago which gave rise to action teams which tackled priority tasks such as heritage and litter. Please contact the Secretary, Liz Simpson Booker, on 9518 6186 if you can attend.

Glebe Week walk along Glebe Point Road

Neil Macindoe will conduct another of his well-known Glebe walkabouts as part of Glebe Week. On this occasion Neil will tell the story of many of the buildings along Glebe Point Road. Meet at the Glebe Post Office at 10 am on Saturday, 14 September. Cost is \$10.00, \$5.00 concession, and includes refreshments at Benledi at the conclusion of the walk. No bookings necessary.



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“History alive” at the Library

In addition to the presentation of the portrait of Sir Edmund Barton by the Glebe Society on Monday, 9 September (see page 8), the Friends of the Glebe Library will host a presentation by Margaret Penson on how to obtain historical photographs on the internet and a talk by a representative of State Records on archives and historical research. 7:30, at the Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road, \$6.00, \$4.00 members and concession.

Tranby steam train ride

Tranby Aboriginal College is holding a “Journey for Justice” steam train outing behind the historic locomotive 3801 on Sunday, 29 September. After departing from Central at 8:45 am, the train heads for Robertson via Campbelltown, and returns via Sutherland arriving at Central at 6:31 pm. Cost is \$70 adult, \$60 concession, and \$50 children. Phone 1300 65 3801 to book.



Talk by heritage architect

Heritage architect Hector Abrahams will give an illustrated talk to members and friends on Friday, 27 October, at 6:30 pm at Benledi. Hector is keenly interested in the art of knitting modern additions onto heritage buildings and inserting new buildings into heritage streetscapes. He is a partner in the conservation practice, Clive Lucas, Stapleton and Partners Pty Limited.

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Glebe Week pet blessing

The Glebe Estate Community Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Pets during Glebe Week on Sunday, 15 September in the Uniting Church Hall, 37-47 St Johns Road. Contact Diane Coleman on 9692 8377 for details.

For your diary ...

Saturday, 7 September Glebe Society strategic planning morning (see Noticeboard).

Sunday 8 September 9.30 am Glebe Point Road spring clean (see Noticeboard).

12 - 13 September 10 am to 5 pm *The Art of Flowers* - a display of Victorian flower arrangements, Government House and gardens, Macquarie Street.

14 - 22 September Glebe Week (see Noticeboard for some events).

Saturday, 14 September Neil Macindoe's Glebe Point Road walk (Glebe Week activity) (see Noticeboard).

Wednesday, 18 September 6 pm Glebe Youth Service Annual General Meeting, 84 Glebe Point Road (see Noticeboard).

Sunday, 29 September Tranby "Journey for Justice" steam train outing (see Noticeboard).

Friday, 27 October, 6:30 pm, Benledi. Illustrated talk by heritage architect Hector Abrahams.

11-12 October 11 am Sydney Heritage Fleet celebrates the 100th birthday of *Lady Hopetoun* and *Waratah* at Wharf 7, Pyrmont. Free boat rides and tours of the *James Craig*.

Sunday, 3 November Historic Houses Trust open day of places normally off limits to the public. Glebe sites that will be open include *Lyndhurst* and *Tranby*. Phone 9692 8366 for further information.

9-17 November Glebe Music Festival (see insert in this edition for program and bookings)

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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**Join the GPR spring clean on Sunday,
9 September at 9.30 am (see p. 9)**

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If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please phone the Secretary to attend a meeting.

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