

Glebe

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Blackwattle Bay planning gets serious

Planning by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) for the Blackwattle Bay precinct is gathering momentum following announcements by Waterways of the results of expressions of interest with regard to Rozelle Bay (see Collin Hills article in *Bulletin* 1/2003).

To date there has been much talk but little in the way of outcomes from SHFA, which said it could not move ahead with Blackwattle Bay until it knew which aspirants for space on our foreshores had missed out in Rozelle Bay.

We can't expect the wetlands proposed by John Buckingham to get a guernsey in Blackwattle Bay but the Heritage Fleet, which has been given 18 months to get out of Rozelle Bay, might be a contender. The worry is that one of the other losers from Rozelle Bay—tourist cruise operators—can be expected to lobby hard to take over the new wharves.

There are a number of threads to the planning for the future of Blackwattle Bay and the adjoining Wentworth Park.

FISH MARKET

A redevelopment plan has been considered by the Fish Market company's board of management and will be made public soon. It will address the problem of parking and tidy up the area while retaining wholesale and retail activities and, hopefully the present ambience which makes the Market such a popular attraction.

FORESHORE ACCESS

Public access to the foreshore has the support of the Premier and thus is "a given" as far as Government authorities are concerned. Blackwattle Bay is on the list of "missing links" and SHFA is currently doing a site-by-site appreciation, looking at various aspects, such as the physical structure of the foreshore and regulatory requirements, to ascertain what is feasible. In some cases access will have to be tailored to fit with the realities of foreshore activities – e.g. boat ramps and maritime industry.

COAL UNLOADER

SHFA has commissioned a report on the structural soundness of the coal unloader with a view to possible restoration. It says the building requires a conservation management plan.

MARITIME TRAFFIC

A study of water traffic of the bay is intended to inform decisions on foreshore use.

WENTWORTH PARK

The park is seen as part of the Blackwattle Bay precinct and sympathetic noises emerge from various bodies (City Council, Sandra Nori, SHFA) from time to time. The ideal is to link the park to the water. We'll just have to wait and see whether someone is willing to put up the money.

DRAGON BOATS AND ROWERS

Waterways says that Rowing NSW does not consider Rozelle Bay a suitable rowing course. If our bays are not suitable for this type of activity, why does neighbouring Blackwattle Bay have two rowing clubs (including a new building), why is Planning NSW proposing a "soft" boat launching ramp (another name for a sandy spot where small craft such as kayaks and canoes can be placed in the water), and why is the Bay being considered as an appropriate spot for a

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From my dungeon

A LITTLE OF WHAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL

By the time you read this Glebe and Forest Lodge will be within days of becoming part of the area governed by the Sydney City Council. A member has suggested that, in view of this, the May edition of the *Bulletin* should include a quick guide to our new council. So we set out to do some digging.

Some things are easy. Bobbie Burke, who is collaborating with me on the production of this *Bulletin* while Edwina Doe is overseas (thanks so much, Bobbie), has found the contact numbers for our new councillors (see Noticeboard, p10).

Then there was the letter we all, I assume, received from the now-retired Lord Mayor, Cr Frank Sartor. This told us we would receive a newsletter “in coming weeks” providing further information on proposed services and priorities. So far I have not seen this newsletter. The letter also provided the following contact points:

Telephone: 1300 651301
Email: council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

An attachment to the letter listed the following priorities for Glebe/Forest Lodge:

Neighbourhood Service Centre

– to be located at the Glebe Town Hall from 8 May;

Graffiti Program

– commence graffiti blitz campaign on 8 May;

Safe City Program

– lighting upgrade, expand homeless program, and co-ordinate action with local police command on crime prevention strategies;

Clean City Program

– increase the number of street bins in major thoroughfares, ensure cleaner streets, illegal dumps collected within 24 hours, maintain current services and where possible improve them; and

Gateways Project

– upgrade of Broadway (covered in the Press recently).

All good stuff, but what about the nitty gritty?

For this I turned to the council’s website. This is very impressive, but a bit of a mixed bag when it comes to information. There is a long list of “Policies/Codes/Guidelines”. A few have links to the actual document but many are merely titles. Presumably hard copies can be obtained from the council.

I have downloaded the City’s corporate plan and strategic directions documents, and on a cold winter’s night when there is nothing good on TV I’ll browse through them. The council’s “Total Environment Policy” and “Guidelines for Alterations and Additions to Terraces” are available on the website, but its “Plan of Management for Parks and Playgrounds” and “Precinct Committees - Rules and Procedures” are not.

The libraries section of the website appears to be extensive, and I hope one of our librarians might road test it for the *Bulletin* some time soon.

“City Talks” looks interesting, and if you had visited the site recently you would know that on 29 April the Lord Mayor is to chair a discussion (admission free) involving leading architects on the subject of “Greening Sydney - Can we balance the built and the natural environment?”

I’m sure we will find out much more about the city very soon. I suggest it would be helpful if members let the Management Committee know of problems that arise in dealing with the City, useful contacts made, and good or bad deeds done so that this information can be shared with other members via our website and the *Bulletin*.

Bruce Davis

BLACKWATTLE BAY PLANS *continued from p1 ...*

permanent home for the dragon boat fraternity? Perhaps the Waterways-sanctioned dry boat storage that will eventually accommodate 900 boats in Rozelle Bay, and the boat launching facility under the city end of the Anzac Bridge that was sprung on just about everybody during the election campaign, have something to do with it? (Sandra Nori’s staff maintain that this land was promised as a community park and others, including government people, have suggested this decision was dirty pool and are working to have it overturned.)

AN INTEGRATED PLAN

SHFA is developing a “precinct strategy” for Blackwattle Bay (including Wentworth Park). At a recent meeting of the Blackwattle Bay Reference Group, SHFA said Blackwattle Bay should be developed as an integrated whole and that piecemeal development in response to pressure from various interest groups should be avoided. The project officer used all the right buzz words – “a special precinct – a maritime past unique in Sydney”, “local ‘ownership’ – an opportunity to give something back to the community” and so on. This all sounds promising, but to date SHFA has shared its thoughts only with other Government agencies. Hopefully the public will be brought into the process in the near future.

Bruce Davis

Planning sub-Committee

Action Plan prepared by Neil Macindoe

The aim of the sub-Committee is to pursue the Society's objective as stated in the Constitution, namely to ensure a high standard of town planning in Glebe. The sub-Committee has been operating continuously almost since the inception of the Society, and has frequently played a leading role in securing better controls, preventing unsatisfactory developments and securing improvements to those that have proceeded.

The main requirement for town planning proposals is that they should at least be compatible with, and preferably should enhance, the Glebe Conservation Area. In addition, proposals should promote the safety and well-being of the community generally, make adequate provision for all its members, and be environmentally sustainable, particularly where the proposals involve public spaces or thoroughfares and public buildings. A good example of this type of development is the Glebe Library, which although of modern design, is ancillary to a large dwelling of 1875, is fully accessible, caters for most ages and disabilities, utilises natural lighting and is attractively landscaped.

It is not the role of the sub-Committee to generate designs, but it can certainly lobby for (or against) specific proposals, generate and support new initiatives, and promote public debate and design competitions or consultancies. The sub-Committee reports regularly to the Management Committee and liases as required with other sub-committees, consent authorities and conservation and planning organisations, as in the accompanying table:



ACTION	OUTCOME	REMARKS
Review all development applications affecting Glebe and respond as appropriate.	Report actions to the Management Committee and keep members informed via the <i>Bulletin</i> .	Ongoing
Report on unauthorised work and breaches of conditions.	As above	Ongoing
Review planning instruments (DCPs, LEPs) affecting Glebe and respond as appropriate	As above. May require campaigns through contacts, committees, media and public meetings.	Ongoing
Monitor operation of Townplan 2000.	Respond to or generate amendments and reviews.	Ongoing
Liase with appropriate Society sub-committees.	Joint activities and actions where appropriate.	Heritage, Bays and Foreshores, Environment, Traffic and Transport
Establish and maintain contacts with consent authorities.	As above	Heritage Council, Leichhardt Council, South Sydney Council, City of Sydney
Establish and maintain contacts with conservation and planning groups.	As above	Heritage Council, National Trust, Register of the National Estate, Burley Griffin Society etc.

Foley Rest Park ... "the little oasis"

continued from last month ...

On 18 May 1938 Dr. Foley proposed that funds from a certain Resumption Fund be released to Council "on the understanding that the money be expended on the erection and control of a Playground for children of pre-school age in the Glebe Rest Park". Council Meeting of 6 July was told that funds existed for the establishment of the John Storey Memorial Playground (originally to be situated at the rear of the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children), and that the Trustees had agreed that this Playground could be erected in Rest Park "provided that the Park be dedicated as a Public Park and vested in the Glebe Council" which, at that time, held an agreement for use of the Park "at will from the Crown". The Secretary of the Memorial Committee had no objection provided the playground was named The John Storey Memorial Playground (the name does not appear anywhere in the Park) and that "Council dedicates the land in question for the perpetuity of the proposal" as well as appointing supervisors for its administration.

Research undertaken by a City Council Archives Officer indicates that in early 1944 The Glebe Council asked the NSW Government to construct a Baby Health Centre in Rest Park. In May that year the Minister of Education responded, offering to transfer control of the Park to Glebe Council provided that a Baby Health Centre was established there. Plans were approved in 1946 and that year the Government dedicated the land "for public purposes", a small portion (which had previously been tennis courts) for the Centre, a larger portion for public recreation. The Centre became operational in May 1951, when Glebe was under the control of the City.

In 1949, the City Council approved the acquisition of the property known as 148 Bridge Road for the purpose of extending the Rest Park children's playground (this action clearly did not proceed as a block of flats occupies this site). At this time it seems there were four 'shelter sheds' with tables and benches in the south east corner (where the existing tables and benches are now), three of which were to be partially enclosed with painted weatherboard screens. In 1951 tenders were sought for a Parks Depot and Men's and Women's Convenience (plans dated July 1953 are in the City Archives files), and additional land for public recreation purposes was dedicated. In 1953 the playground was rearranged, the southern boundary 'beautified' and the fence between the Park and St. John's Church repaired and renewed; the lighting was improved in 1954. Dr. Foley was an Alderman of the City Council during much of this period.

**This park was named in recognition of the outstanding humanitarian and civic service rendered to the citizens of the Glebe District and the City of Sydney generally over a period of thirty years of
DR H. J. FOLEY
a former alderman of the Council of the City of Sydney and a well-known and highly respected identity of the area.**

THE PLAQUE IN FOLEY PARK

Correspondence from the City's Town Clerk's Department notes that in 1963/64 City Alderman Desmond John Booter (also a Life Governor of the Glebe Police-Citizens' Boys Club) requested that Glebe Rest Park be renamed as the 'H.J. Foley Rest Park'; unfortunately the papers do not provide his particular reasons. Dr. Foley consented to the suggestion, asking,

however, that it be named 'Dr H.J. Foley Rest Park'. A plaque was subsequently unveiled on 21 March 1964, by the then Lord Mayor.

I have not looked at records regarding Foley Park since the area came under the control of Leichhardt Municipal Council, but any inspection confirms that much work is needed.

Sources:

City of Sydney Archives: Town Clerk's Dept. Correspondence, Series 34; Parks, Foley Park; 'Glebe Baby Health Centre', Renato Perdon, 1996. Glebe Municipal Council *Minute Books*, 1934-39 *Leichhardt: on the margins of the city*, Max Solling and Peter Reynolds, 1997. Ch 14, p186 *Leichhardt Historical Journal* 23, 2003. *Sydney's Aldermen: a biographical register of Sydney City Aldermen 1842-1992*, Renato Perdon, 1997. *The Architectural Character of Glebe*, Bernard Smith, 1973. Chapter II, p15. *The Glebe: Portraits and Places*, Freda McDonnell, 1975, p27 ff; p105-6.

The Society's vision for the Park was published in *Bulletin* 1/2003, p4. We have since contacted the Glebe Youth Serice, the Early Childhood Centre (located in the Park), residents of St. John's Village (which backs on to the Park) and the Glebe Chamber of Commerce to elicit their ideas and support. BA Comm (Social Enquiry) students from UTS are conducting a small survey to ascertain why people use the Park, and why they don't, what improvements they would like, etc.; their report will be presented towards the end of May.

To assist in maintenance of the War Memorial garden (the replacement camellias have been planted), St. John's Church has permitted use of the tap on their property. Watering and light maintenance of the selected Foley Park garden beds continues, helped by access to the LMC hose. These arrangements may change when Sydney City Council takes over, and we await developments.

Bobbie Burke

City Library Service for Glebe!

At midnight on 7 May 2003 Glebe Library will no longer be under the auspices of Leichhardt Council but becomes part of the City of Sydney's Library Services. This is happening as a result of the State Government's decision to extend the city boundaries to take in Glebe and Forest Lodge plus certain areas of South Sydney, including King's Cross.

In the mid 1990's the people of Glebe fought long and hard to have this lovely library built where it is now. It was officially opened in April 1997 and the past six years have been spent making sure that the library has lived up to its expectations and become an integral part of the community. The valued and continuing support of the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library cannot be underestimated and the staff would like to assure both them, and the rest of this diverse and vibrant community, that we will be doing our best to maintain the type of library service that such a community deserves. This should not prove too hard a task as the current team of myself, Gayle, Caroline and Naomi have all elected to stay here – our commitment to this community is very strong. We hope you will bear with us as we find our feet in our 'new' environment. There will be a new computer system to learn, and a whole new set of procedures for us to follow, so your patience over the next few months will be most appreciated.

We are also feeling a certain amount of sadness at leaving behind our colleagues at Leichhardt and Balmain, especially with the imminent opening of their new Library in the Italian Forum. For me, especially after 30 years with Bankstown Council, the experience of working for a small and relatively intimate Council these past six years has been one I have greatly valued. Larger councils tend, by virtue of their nature, to be more bureaucratic and consist of names rather than faces.

However, all this aside, as dedicated professionals, we are facing the changes with a very positive attitude and looking forward to the many new challenges they will no doubt present.

As users, you will probably not even notice too much difference. However, a technological upgrade is envisaged and new equipment is being ordered. All the regular services will be continuing, including Storytimes and other children's activities, art exhibitions etc. The number of items which can be borrowed is a little bit different, in that there is a limit of 10 books and or magazines which can be borrowed. However, 10 CD's, 10 talking books, and 5 videos and DVD's will also be able to be borrowed. The length of time you can keep your items will remain at three weeks, but they can now be renewed twice, as long as no-one else is waiting for them.

Fees and charges are very similar. If an item is five days overdue a fine of \$1 per item will apply. For each subsequent day, the fine is twenty cents per item. Photocopier and printer users will be able to purchase blank debit cards and add credit to them, thus eliminating the need for coins. Word processing and Internet access will cost \$2 per hour, but we expect that there will now be email available.

It will still cost \$1 to reserve an item which is not on the shelf. We will no longer have access to items held at Leichhardt and Balmain, but instead to the large collections at all the City of Sydney libraries i.e. Town Hall, Haymarket, Ultimo and King's Cross. These collections and other Internet sources will be able to be accessed from your home at http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/cs_library.asp

The major change for our borrowers will be that anyone who does not reside within the City boundaries will have to pay a small annual fee to belong to Glebe Library. This has been a policy of the City of Sydney for a number of years and therefore beyond our control. The fee will be \$11 per annum for adults and \$5.50 for children and holders of concession cards. Those most affected will be the residents of Annandale and Lilyfield, for whom this is the most conveniently located library. In the lead up to 8 May we have been changing as many memberships as possible over to Leichhardt or Balmain Libraries, so that the card can continue to be used there. The good news, however, is that Leichhardt's new Library will be opening in August. Glebe and Forest Lodge residents will not be affected by these charges as membership will still be free, however we will be re-registering you all and giving you a new City of Sydney library card which can be used at all their branches. We will also have a new phone number – 9518.6055. Please bear with us, however, as the first few days after the changeover will, no doubt, present some teething problems.

Our 'new' Library Manager (for the whole of the City) is Patrick Condon. He will be the guest speaker at the next Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library meeting on Monday 12 May at 7.30pm in Benledi. He has already indicated his commitment to providing the best library service possible for you. It would be wonderful if a large

crowd were to attend this meeting to ask him any questions you may have, and also to show him what a great community we are and to welcome him to this environment.

Change is inevitable in today's world, but as far as the library is concerned Leichhardt Council have done an excellent job in their provision of this service and would have continued to do so. Public libraries exist to stimulate people's minds and provide for their educational and recreational needs, so that individuals are able to make informed decisions and significant contributions to the welfare of both their own local area and the world in general.

I have absolutely no doubt that City of Sydney Council will be working very hard to pursue these ideals in the library service they provide for you. It will be important for us all to keep the library in the forefront of their thinking and to make them aware of the services we most value. My staff and I are looking forward to an exciting time with our new employer, and with your support, to be still providing an indispensable library service to the people of Glebe, for many years to come.

Margaret Whittaker, Glebe Branch Librarian

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MvK - a true Glebian from a land far away

HOW I CAME TO AUSTRALIA

I arrived in Sydney on 11 April, 1974 after two years' individual overland travel with one friend from Berlin, Germany through Israel, Cypress, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia and Singapore. It was a miracle that I did not die of some disease, was not killed and did not end up in a harem.

COMING TO GLEBE

In 1975, I moved to Glebe on the recommendation of my boss, who was born in Glebe. "Close to the city" he said. A German client of mine and long-term Glebe Society member, took me to The Glebe Society's Christmas Party in the Glebe Rowing Club in 1975, signing me up straight away... In 1976, I bought my unit in Leichhardt Street, even though firstly I was rejected a loan, being a woman. As profession, the bank put down "spinster".

FIRST OF MANY BATTLES

In 1978, Eric Gidney, a neighbour opposite in Cook Street and a Glebe Society member, got me involved in fighting against the foundry in front of us in Cook Street. The German National Television came and documented everything. So I still got the foundry and me collecting signatures on video.

For the first time, I attended a meeting at Leichhardt Council. I loved it. Never heard of an "Open Council", introduced by Aldermen Nick Origlass and Issy Wyner, before. You actually could get up and have your say! I cherished this Open Council and made lots of use of it in future years...

PROMOTING CYCLING

Having come from a country which has more bicycles than people, I joined a small group of bicycle enthusiasts and together we founded LBUG = Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group. My dream is to have bicycle routes along the foreshores of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bay into the City.

JOINING THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

[In 1988 Marianne was inveigled into joining the Management Committee.]

I was given the task of organising a Ferry Ride. I said "A piece of cake", having been a Travel Agent, but not anticipating the enormous amount of work, organising these events. ... In 1991, I was asked also to organise The Glebe Society's Christmas party at the Glebe Rowing Club... Later on, I was talked again into organising another "Rocket" Ferry ride together with Ian Edwards which started from the Fish Markets on 13 September 1998, partly to promote a regular ferry service for Glebe. *And so on ...*

BAYS AND FORESHORES

The opening of the Bicentennial Park with fireworks on 17 December 1988 made a lasting impression on me, particularly having heard all the difficulties John Buckingham, convenor for the foreshores, had to overcome during the 16 years to get us this park. After that I developed a great interest for the foreshores, joining The Glebe Society Foreshore Committee which produced "The Bays and Foreshore Policy" in 1991.



Even though Marianne von Knobelsdorff was born in Germany, her heart is in Glebe. During the 29 years since she arrived here, she has been an indefatigable worker for The Glebe Society and has participated in most of the major campaigns that have been waged to preserve and improve our suburb.

As many members know, Marianne is returning to Germany to care for her sick mother, but has retained her flat in Leichhardt Street in the hope that she may return one day.

In the busy days while she has been packing she found time to record her memories of Glebe. In this *Bulletin* we publish extracts from her longer manuscript which is available on our web site at www.glebesociety.org.au

Marianne's story will be continued in Bulletin 4/2003

RTA SIGNAL BOXES

The Glebe Society recently wrote to the RTA, about the disreputable state of the RTA's signal boxes in Glebe and drew attention to the difference in maintenance regimes in the city and in Glebe.

The RTA's reply states, inter alia :

As an integral part of the NSW Government Graffiti Solutions Program, the RTA has developed an anti-graffiti strategy aimed at the abatement of illegal graffiti on traffic signal boxes and posts throughout NSW. Apart from the regular removal of graffiti and posters from the traffic signal boxes, other anti-graffiti measures will also be implemented. It is envisaged that the traffic signal boxes in Glebe will be maintained as part of the implementation of this strategy.

PARRAMATTA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

James Jervis Memorial Lecture

Lynette Ramsay Silver, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of History and the Arts will speak on the Battle of Vinegar Hill on Saturday 17th May at 2 pm. Venue is the Centenary Uniting Hall, Cnr Sorrell & Fennell Streets, Parramatta. The lecture is free but bookings are essential. Ph. 9635 6924

HERITAGE WALLPAPER

From The Haberfield Association Newsletter : The character and historical significance of houses such as those in Haberfield, come not just from external features but also from a range of interior fittings and fixtures. Wallpaper is one such item, and a resident of Haberfield for over 30 years was probably Australia's earliest known maker of wallpapers. His name was Arthur Gilkes.

Born in Brighton, England, in 1867, Arthur learnt his trade as a 'paper stainer' from his father who ran the firm John Gilkes & Sons. On emigrating to Sydney, around 1900 he set up his business Gilkes Friezes or Arthur Gilkes & Co, producing hand-made friezes and wallpaper panels using stencils and wood

blocks. He is believed to have continued in business almost until his death...in 1941...

Examples of Arthur Gilkes' work were reproduced in contemporary journals, but it is unknown if any physical samples still exist. ...It is possible that some houses may hold evidence of his work, perhaps under several layers of paint....

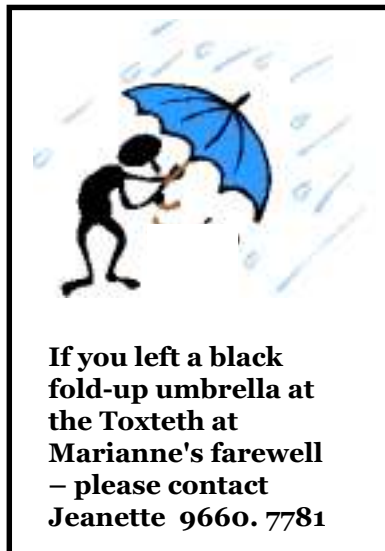
The Historic Houses Trust of NSW has a substantial collection of wallpapers and is keen to recover more about the life and work of Arthur Gilkes. If you have any information, call Michael Leck on 9692.8366.

THANKS I

To all our members and friends who have been involved in preparing the Diggers' Memorial for Anzac Day – a very big thank you. The bust of the digger on the LHS of the memorial has been repaired and new camellias (donated by the Glebe Society) have been planted to replace those which were decimated by the drought.

THANKS II

The Royal Australian Historical Society has written to thank the Glebe Society for providing them with the transcription of names from the Diggers' Memorial (see last *Bulletin*). The material will be incorporated into the ongoing RAHS *Monuments and Memorials* project.



HISTORY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Royal Australian Historical Society has hosted a meeting to explore the establishment of a new group to promote active interest in the history of engineering and technology in Australia. The idea is that the new group might cover a broad range of interests including social, political and economic history of technology, and that it encompass such fields as agricultural, biological, food, medical and electronic technologies, and the application of technology in trades and industry.

The focus of the group would be on history rather than conservation, collections or advocacy. Conservation and advocacy are already well covered by organisations such as the National Trust, Heritage Council, The Institution of Engineers and museums. The new group would maintain links with these and with specialist groups such as the Australian Railway Historical Society and the Australian Science History Club and would not seek to duplicate their activities.

A steering committee has been formed. For further information, contact Ian Arthur, 11 Heights Crescent, Middle Cove 2068 or email ianarthur@ozemail.com.au.

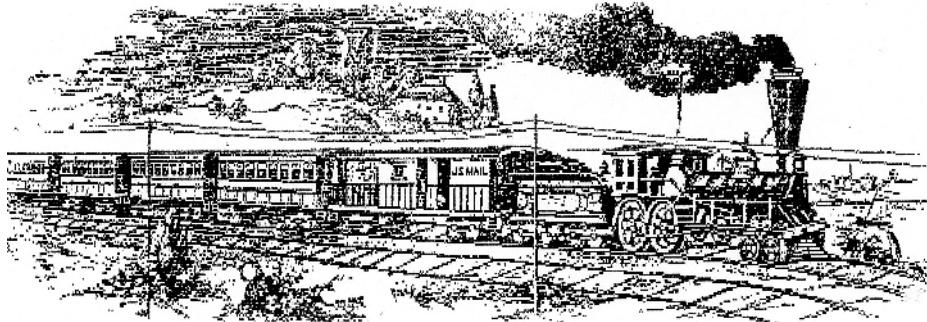
"The sun never knew how wonderful it was," the architect Louis Kahn said, "until it fell on the wall of a building."

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHIC FOR GLEBE AS STUDENTS SHIFT TO NEWTOWN?

The Sydney University *News* (11 April 2003) reports that 650 residents will soon be installed in the major accommodation project located on Carillon Avenue. The facility will cater for undergraduate and postgraduate students, with rooms starting at \$143 a week in share accommodation, rising to \$250 a week for a one-bedroom apartment. Two of the buildings have been designed to function as hotels during university vacations.

It is appropriate at a time when the Government is planning the extension of the light rail system to Circular Quay that we remember the Society's role in bringing light rail to the inner west. Campaigning by The Glebe Society included a marvellous adventure – a stream train ride over most of the route (see below).

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The Great Glebe Steam Train

Here is your opportunity to not only ride on a vintage steam train (a rare thing these days), but also to travel by railway through Glebe, something which you can't normally do at all!

On Saturday, 14th May, a steam hauled train will depart Redfern station at 9.30 am, travelling via Sydenham, Dulwich Hill, Lewisham, West Leichhardt, Lilyfield, North Annadale, across Jubilee Park, through a tunnel under Glebe itself, then across Wentworth Park to Pymont and Ultimo. The train will then enter the maze of tracks leading from Sydney terminal station by a tunnel under Railway Square which incorporates the oldest structure still in use on an Australian railway. Finally, the train will return to Redfern, at 1 1/2 hours after departure.

Another trip will depart at 11.00 am, for those who wish to do some shopping (or sleep late).

The railway through Glebe, which has only ever been used regularly by goods trains, was built in the early twentieth century to provide a route to Darling Harbour goods station separate from existing lines with their intensive passenger services. It sees little use these days as the importance of Darling Harbour as a port area has declined, and was the subject of a monograph published by the Society proposing that it be used as part of a light rail system. If this does not happen, the line could be closed permanently in a few years' time.

Previous Glebe Society tours of the line, using only diesel hauled trains have been extraordinarily popular, so you can imagine that places on these trips will fill quickly. Hurry and fill in the booking form below and send for your tickets right away!



Unfortunately the advent of the light rail means this journey by steam train cannot be replicated today. *So please don't send money for tickets!*

THE DEAD POETS SOCIETY

The Society sponsored a Poetry Competition about Sir Edmund Barton who was born in Hereford Street, Glebe in January 1849.

Residents of Hereford Street were especially encouraged to participate, as were visitors to our website; and all five local schools were invited to test their poetry skills. All Glebe Society members and friends were invited to try their hand at poetry in two issues of the *Bulletin* and generous prizes were offered. We waited patiently for the postie to come laden with

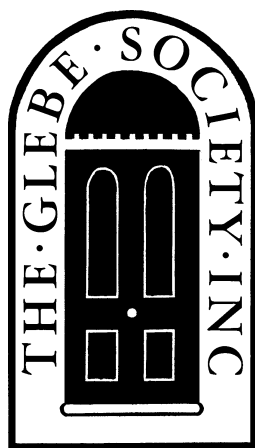
poems each day but it never happened. Except for one entry, those that we did receive were written by members of the Management Committee who were 'technically' ineligible to win a prize.

With the authors' permission, we may publish the poems we received to acknowledge those who gave thought and time to put pen to paper.

We now declare the competition well and truly OVER and feel that our Society could be aptly re-named: *THE DEAD POETS SOCIETY*

Cynthia Jones

Glebe Society May to



Events Calender December 2003

The following are Glebe Society events that are proposed until December 2003. Further details will be available with each edition of the bulletin.

We are also proposing a regular information monthly get together (details to follow in next *Bulletin*).

MONTH	DATE	VENUE	EVENT (including description)	FOR FURTHER DETAILS
MAY	14	Toxteth tba	Management Committee Meeting Meeting with the City of Sydney (including Mayor etc)	Liz Simpson-Booker 9518. 6196 Andrew Craig 9566. 1746
JUNE	11 22	Toxteth Bellevue	Management Committee Meeting Wander and Wonder Foreshore Walk and BBQ 10am – 1pm	Liz Simpson-Booker David Mander Jones 9552. 4172 [flyer enclosed]
JULY	9 tba	Toxteth tba	Management Committee Meeting Midwinter Christmas Dinner/ Glebe Society Birthday (major annual event)	Liz Simpson-Booker Jeanette Knox 9660. 7781
AUGUST	13 24	Toxteth Benleldi	Management Committee Meeting Annual General Meeting	Liz Simpson-Booker Liz Simpson-Booker
SEPTEMBER	10 tba tba	Toxteth Toxteth various	Management Committee Meeting New Members Function Glebe Week	Liz Simpson-Booker Hilary Wise 9660. 5845
OCTOBER	8 tba tba	Toxteth tba Wentworth Park	Management Committee Meeting President's get-together with other organisations (sausage sizzle) Springtime with the Dogs	Liz Simpson-Booker Andrew Craig Andrew Craig
NOVEMBER	12 tba	Toxteth tba	Management Committee Meeting Glebe Music Week Heritage sub-Committee event	Liz Simpson-Booker David Mander Jones
DECEMBER	5 12	tba Toxteth	Glebe Society Christmas Party Management Committee Meeting	Hilary Wise Liz Simpson-Booker

tba = to be advised

Notice Board

WEST FORGOTTEN

CASUAL observers of the expansion of Sydney City Council could easily be forgiven for believing the Inner West will be the poor cousin to areas like Kings Cross.

Former Lord Mayor Frank Sartor was very keen to spruik his ideas for a revitalisation of the Cross but was less than forthcoming when it came to the western side of this larger council.

Now, we finally have one part of Sydney City's vision for the area as the Western Gateway.

This beautification plan is a great step forward but, as Glebe Chamber of Commerce points out, it still leaves many questions unanswered.

How will the city address crime in the Broadway precinct?
How will it revitalise the lower section of Glebe Point Rd?

We must now await new Lord Mayor Lucy Turnbull's expansion on this good first step.

Editorial, *The Glebe and Inner Western Weekly*
April 16, 2003

[It's good to see the local media is thinking along similar lines to the Glebe Society. We encourage members to keep up the pressure on the City to do the right thing by Glebe. Ed.]

With Councillor Sartor's retirement, there are now just six Councillors of the City of Sydney:

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For Your Diary ...

Wednesday	7 May	8 pm Heritage sub-Committee meeting 45 Hereford St, David Mander Jones
Thursday	8 May	Glebe/Forest Lodge officially part of City of Sydney Council
Monday	12 May	7.30 pm at Benledi, Library Friends Meeting Guest Speaker, Patrick Condon, City Library Manager, see article p5
Wednesday	14 May	7.30 pm Glebe Society Management Committee meeting upstairs meeting room Toxteth Hotel.
Saturday	17 May	Friends of Benledi Monster Book Sale – see Notice Board
Sunday	22 June	Foreshore Walk and BBQ – see flyer enclosed

The Glebe Society Inc

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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