



Glebe Society Bulletin

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Wander on the Water

On 29 February, 2004, the *Lady Wakehurst* will take up to three hundred Glebe residents (at least half of them not currently Society members) for a cruise including a close look at the proposed waterfront walk and development sites that can only be seen from the water.

The Blackwattle Boys, Glebe's very own jazz band, will provide musical entertainment.

Despite heroic efforts over the last month the Committee has been unable to secure permission to use our previous embarkation point at the head of Blackwattle Bay.

Therefore we will board the Ferry at the Star City Wharf. To assist people to get there, The Society is hiring shuttle buses that will leave Glebe Library, corner Glebe Point and Wigram Roads, from 9 am. The buses are free, but those attending can catch the Light Rail to Star City for the usual price. The ferry will leave promptly at 10 am.

Please bring your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee are included in your ticket, and there will be a cash bar. Remember there will be a large group of non-members, and you are encouraged to bring more than you will eat yourselves so you can share some of your food with others.

The ferry trip ends at 2 pm, and we will disembark at the same wharf at Star City. It should be a great day!

See you on Sunday, February 29.

- Neil Macindoe



Quiz the (mayoral) candidates

Local Government Elections will take place on Saturday 27 March. Unless there is yet another change of plan, we will be voting on that day for the Lord Mayor and Councillors for the new, enlarged, City of Sydney.

The Glebe Society, the Glebe Point Residents' Group and the Glebe Community Action Group are inviting all candidates for the position of Lord Mayor to a public meeting on Thursday 11 March. The meeting will give residents a valuable opportunity to

hear about the candidates' policies and plans for Glebe and the City.

Nominations for the elections close on Friday 27 February.

The meeting is...

On Thursday 11 March, 7.15 pm
At Glebe Public School Derwent Street entrance.

Leaflets will be distributed throughout Glebe, as soon as all details are confirmed. Do come, and do bring your neighbours.

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Government sacks councils and forces amalgamation

The Glebe Society has spoken out against the sacking by the Minister for Local Government of Sydney and South Sydney Councils, and their forced amalgamation.

Bruce Davis represented the Glebe Society's president, Andrew Craig, at a rally organised by The Greens to protest against the decision outside Parliament House on Friday, 6 February 2004. The following is a summary of Bruce's statement:

Unlike many of the earlier speakers I will put the perspective of a community group and try to explain the impact of today's decision on our Glebe and Forest Lodge.

The Glebe Society is pleased to join with other groups in condemning the Government's pre-emptive strike. While we have not seen details of the decision it's hard to imagine how it can be justified. In our view the decision is unlikely to benefit ordinary residents like us; certainly I have not met anybody in Glebe who favours amalgamation. If, as it appears, the only justification is to give political advantage to one party, then this is the worst possible reason for forcing the amalgamation of the councils. It makes it clear that what is happening is not about local government reform but the pursuit of political power.

The Glebe Society is happy to join with other community groups in doing anything we can to overturn the decision. However I should point out that we are an independent group with no affiliation to The Greens or any other party. The Society has a long history of collaboration with other groups in defence of Glebe. With help we eventually prevented demolition of our Victorian streets by developers, and thwarted the megalomaniac ambitions of the State Government's road authorities who wanted to drive freeways through historic sites in Glebe in the late sixties.

Glebe is sick and tired of being kicked around in these boundary changes. They are so frequent that we still have street signs in Glebe reading "City of Sydney" that Leichhardt Council never got around to changing.

When the most recent transfer to the City occurred in May last year we had several concerns. One was lack of representation, but this has proved unjustified to date - communication between the Lord Mayor and councillors, and the City Council's Glebe place manager has been good. We also had hopes of realising our long-term objectives, and some of these looked like being achieved under the new regime. There also has been some progress with regard to services such as graffiti removal and rationalisation of parking.

We see today's decision as putting at risk what has been achieved recently and throwing us back into the state of limbo in which we existed for the last few years of Leichhardt's administration.

We see no rational reason for forcing the two councils together - there is no community of interest between the city periphery suburbs and the industrial areas of the southern part of South Sydney. We are concerned that our needs and ambitions will be swamped in the new, larger, council and as I said before I have not met anyone in Glebe who advocates this change.

If the Government is fair dinkum about local government reform in the inner city it should have taken Professor Sproats' four councils recommendation seriously. This decision is merely tinkering at the edges, it has nothing to do with reform and has everything to do with naked political ambition.

The Society's submission to the Boundaries Commission is available on our website (www.glebesociety.org.au) - just follow the link from the home page.

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 7 March 2004

The Glebe Society has again registered to take part in Clean Up Australia Day. This year it will be on the afternoon of Sunday 7 March. At low tide, we will be cleaning a section of the foreshore along the edge of Rozelle Bay between the *Pavilions on the Bay* and the *Bridgewater* blocks of home units.

If you would like to help to keep Glebe gorgeous, please telephone Andrew Wood (9660 6104) or Liz Simpson-Booker (9518 6186). We will meet at the northern end of Glebe Point Road at 2:00 pm and should have completed our work by 4:00 pm, when we can have a celebratory drink at a local hostelry!

Thank you, Lucy Turnbull

The success of our amalgamation with the City of Sydney was mainly due to the efforts of the Lord Mayor, Lucy Turnbull, to get to know the residents of Glebe, including the Glebe Society.

In her temporary job as Commissioner, leading up to the elections on 27 March, the ex-Lord Mayor continues to ease our way into our new circumstances. She attended our February Management Committee meeting and briefed us on the state of projects involving Glebe and the foreshores.

Thank you Lucy for your help in the past. We wish you well in your future roles.

Max Factor/Traveland up for redevelopment again!

The proposed conversion of the former Max Factor site, more recently known as Traveland, 431 Glebe Point Road, to residential use with 70 units, would impact in a totally unacceptable way on the immediate environment and the precinct generally. A previous Development Application for this site in 2002 generated strong resident opposition and was withdrawn by the developer.

The proposal is in breach of State and Local Government Planning requirements.

It seeks to increase the height of the front of the existing building by a further storey and the back of the building by effectively 2.5 storeys. It increases car parking capacity from the present 45 to 82 by excavating underneath the building, threatening the stability of adjoining properties. The Floor Space Ratio (FSR) for Glebe is 0.7:1. The existing building has a FSR of 2.8:1 which is four times that which is permissible. Further additions are unacceptable.

The proposed additional storey at the front affects the building's heritage status, causes overshadowing and impacts visually on the environment. Most specifically Glebe Point Road and the views from the Bays and Anzac Bridge would be adversely affected.

As is well known, traffic and parking already present real problems for the residents in Leichhardt, Stewart and Oxley Streets. The proposal not only impacts on traffic, but also provides for ingress and egress into Leichhardt Street from **two** separate points. Such an arrangement was part of the DA which was withdrawn in 2002. This arrangement has obvious and serious safety and traffic implications. Parking, already at a premium in the area, would be significantly affected and the fallout from this situation would extend to Glebe Point Road and Cook Street.

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 are exemplified by some units with internal bedrooms having no access to natural ventilation or daylight.

The proposal must not proceed in its current form. The site is not appropriate for such intensive residential development. A mix of Commercial/Office space, the existing usage, with fewer and larger (2 and 3 bedroom) apartments, would retain employment in the area, impacting positively on

the commercial/small business activity in Glebe Point Road, whilst eliminating the need for extra car spaces and all their associated problems. Any new proposal should be contained within the existing envelope of the building.

Watch this situation carefully and be active in not only retaining, but also improving Glebe Point Road as a special and beautiful avenue, a Victorian streetscape recognized for its heritage value.

- Bob Armstrong

See also Neil Macindoe's planning report on page 4.

Bhutan or bhust?

- a social evening to explore the dizzy heights of the Himalayas

You may have read in our December issue that we are planning a social and fund-raising evening combined with a talk about the tiny but fascinating kingdom of Bhutan.

Andrew Craig recently returned from completing the risky Snowman trek in Bhutan, reported in some guidebooks as one of the most difficult in the world. He had the privilege of visiting some of the most remote villages in the Himalayas and gained, for him, a fascinating insight into the unique, preserved culture of this small nation. He also experienced the unspoiled scenery of a region where environmental protection is one of the main national strategies.

A date has been set! Please mark this in your diaries as a "not to be missed" evening of information, light entertainment and social interaction. Tell your friends and neighbours! Both members and non-members will be welcome. Please fill in the accompanying flyer to make your reserva-

tion.

The event will be held in Cinema 3 at the Valhalla Cinema, 166d Glebe Point Road on Thursday 25 March 2004 at **7.30 pm**. Everyone must be seated for an 8.00 pm sharp start. For the first hour, Andrew will present a talk on Bhutan and his adventures there and answer any questions. He will illustrate the talk with slides taken by him and others on the trek. He will focus particularly on the people and how they live in this isolated part of Asia. Andrew has also undertaken to reveal some of the darker, secret sides of trekking, such as how trekkers keep themselves warm at night! At 9.00 pm we will assemble on the Valhalla balcony for drinks, nibbles, chat and fun! We expect to finish by 10.00 to 10.30 pm.

The charge will be \$15 per head including refreshments and nibbles – a bargain considering the quality of the venue (which we pay for) and the fun to be had!



The Abbey site

While most inner city residents have been enjoying their well-earned summer holidays the Planning subcommittee has been flat out!

On January 7 the City advertised an Application for The Abbey site, 156-60 Bridge Road, which includes three Heritage Items in a leafy setting. The main features were:

- demolition of *Hamilton*
- restoration of *Reussdale* as a single dwelling
- 14 units in the church
- 25 townhouses on the remainder of the site
- underground parking for 49 cars
- 18 trees to be removed.

Even though the period for comment was extended to thirty days, any application lodged during the holiday period causes major problems, as developers well know. As with most voluntary bodies, The Society's Management Committee does not meet in January, neither does it publish a Bulletin. Despite the fact that most people were on holidays, and the time frame was very short, the best solution seemed to be a public meeting.

There is a lot of work and a great deal of pressure in organizing a meeting under these circumstances. To add to our difficulties, the weather was very hot and humid, and the City planner dealing with the application had chosen this moment to get married. Consequently the subcommittee had to research, plan, book, arrange, produce, print and distribute all the information required in awful conditions and in record time, keeping our fingers crossed that all would be well.

Please accept this as an apology if you were somehow missed out by the letterboxing, couldn't attend the meeting, had to stand when you got there, or didn't receive all the documents. Simply to have the meeting at all was a major achievement, and as it

turned out, it was a meeting in the best traditions of the Society; a credit to all who attended. It sent a very clear and strong message to anyone who vainly imagined Glebe to be a pushover.

A motion (see below), proposed by Neil Macindoe and seconded by Josie Walker, was approved unanimously by the meeting.

Copies have been sent to all the consent authorities and the administrative troika now in the Town Hall. Do not hesitate to lodge a late objection. To advertise such a major proposal in the holiday period makes it very difficult to get one in on time.

We were also able to achieve some very supportive press coverage, first in the *Telegraph*, then twice in the *Courier*, before and after the meeting, each time accompanied by beautiful colour shots of the Abbey obtained at considerable risk. Hopefully there will be more coverage in next week's the *Inner City News*.

Max Factor Building, 431 Glebe Point Road

The ink was barely dry on the Abbey resolution when another application to convert this industrial building to residential use hit the desk. It is very much what was expected. The number of dwellings has been reduced slightly, from 82 to 70. Only one additional floor is proposed, instead of two, but an additional 2.5 levels are proposed for the rear.

It is clear the developer is having great difficulty adapting this building, which in the view of the subcommittee is unsuitable for conversion without very drastic rebuilding. SEPP 65 is the Government's Flat Design Code, and this proposal fails to comply in layout, solar access, natural ventilation and storage. In short, most of the flats are woefully substandard. The density is down slightly to 2.9:1, only a little more than three times what would be accepted in a new building, and the height already exceeds anything in the area. Provision of 82 parking

spots requires major excavation, and of course there is virtually no landscaping or open space.

It is a pity we have to fight the same battles again and again, but if we don't take a firm stand against overdevelopment now we will certainly regret it later. Please send your objections to sgreville@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au before February 27.

Cornstalk Bookshop, 112 Glebe Point Road, and Margaret Telfer Building, cnr Arundel and Seamer Streets, Forest Lodge

On a more positive note, the attempts to gut Cornstalk and put phone towers on poor Margaret Telfer have been withdrawn, following strong protests from the Society.

- Neil Macindoe

Motion passed at *The Abbey* public meeting Wednesday 4 February 2004, 6pm, *Benledi*

This meeting of Glebe residents requests the City of Sydney and the Heritage Council of NSW to reject DA No D/03/01430 for 156-60 Bridge Road, Glebe, the Abbey site, for the following reasons:

- All heritage buildings on the site are of major significance and should be preserved and restored. The demolition of *Hamilton* and the insertion of 14 units into the church reduce and damage the heritage value of the site.
- The proposed 25 new townhouses are too numerous, tall and bulky, and represent a very substantial overdevelopment of the site. The upper limit of 0.7:1 FSR, including all heritage buildings, is the maximum density that should be permitted.
- The impact of these townhouses on *The Hermitage*, 154 Bridge Road, an adjacent heritage building, is severe.
- Townhouses along the *Reuss* Street frontage ignore the established building line.

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Living for our future (and doing away with your bills !)

The Glebe Society visit to Michael Mobbs' house at Chippendale on 1 February showed us how we can make a difference. The renovation showed how to turn "a waste-belching brick box" into a self contained, sustainable home without huge sacrifices in lifestyle, routine or comfort - and to a budget (look up ABC on line - www.abc.net.au/science/planet/house).

The house collects its drinking water from the roof, generates its electricity from the sun; and processes its waste water, including sewage, on site. Not only that but the electricity company owes a credit - as Michael sells surplus clean solar electricity to the grid. As Michael said, "*if we can do it in a terrace in Chippendale, it can be done in houses in Glebe.*"

Visit the website - www.sustainablehouse.com.au - or read the book - *Sustainable House* (\$40 at Gleebooks).

As described in Ian Lowe's foreword in *Sustainable House* "*We can't wait*



Michael quaffs a glass of his home-grown water.



Michael Mobbs explaining to an attentive crowd which filled his back garden how he collects water from his roof. Special guttering is required to keep the water clean, but occasional bird droppings cannot be avoided (and apparently do no harm!)

for governments to save our environment. If it is going to be saved, it will be saved by the actions of millions of individuals, each doing the small things that make sense to them. When the people lead, the leaders must follow."

We're watching the engineers and renovators among Glebe Society members who looked as though they were about to start tinkering ... Just think of all that rainwater that could be stored for the garden ...

Thank you to Andrew Wood for organising the event and for the post visit muffins (Jamie Oliver, watch out) - and to Michael Mobbs for the visit and inspiration.

- Fiona Campbell

Postscript...

According to a report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (16 February), '*people rate the environment's importance higher than leisure time*

or work in their list of personal values, a 10-year-long-survey has found'.

The *Herald* reported the Department of Environment and Conservation's study of attitudes to the environment, released on 16 February '*found NSW adults had an increasingly sophisticated knowledge of environmental issues. And they were willing to pay to fix problems such as water shortages, the loss of native plants and poor urban planning*'. ...

'While most people said they worried about the environment, there was also evidence that increasingly affluent lifestyles were contributing to environmental degradation. Last year's State of the Environment report found NSW residents had unsustainable lifestyles. ... It takes 7.4 hectares to maintain a Sydneysider, a 16 percent increase on five years ago.'

- Fiona Campbell

Centipede - unique out-of-school-hours care centre

Centipede is a unique drop-in centre for 5 to 12 year olds, providing a range of high quality recreational programs:

- before and after school/vacation care, activities and excursions,
- food programs – breakfast, afternoon tea and late evening meals,
- behaviour management programs,
- Indigenous Young Artists and Friends group, providing art and dance opportunities, and
- parent and family support

It is amazing to see the levels of energy and creativity emanating from one small room in the grounds of Glebe Public School, where 50 children go before school, over 60 go after school and around 50 attend during vacations.

Centipede has a commitment to being accessible to all children, especially those from socially disadvantaged families. To ensure that the needs of the children are met, warm clothes, food and emergency lunches are provided, as well as welfare support, intervention and referral as required. The support is extended to families and time is spent with parents, offering personal assistance and parenting programs, as well as practical help in the form of hampers and food supplies.

Centipede's programs have been a great success, with numbers growing from 20 to 130 enrolments over recent years. Most health and welfare issues are being addressed. Children have become more confident and have greater self esteem, with a more positive sense of identity and becoming better equipped to deal with the challenges that confront them in their adolescence.

The success of Centipede is due to the inspiring work of Maria Bamford and Kerrie Maguire. Maria and Kerrie started at the centre on a temporary basis in 1998, to address what was

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Kids from Centipede

Two Australia Day parties

Hereford Street does it again

Salmon steaks joined sausages on the BBQ at the Hereford Street street party held on Australia Day 2003 in Paddy Gray Park. Paddy Gray's nephew, in the form of John Gray, was one of the street party organisers and was present to help us celebrate our community. Ring-ins (but no less welcome for that) came from Hegarty Street, St James Avenue and Bridge Road to swell our numbers to around 70.

We all marvelled at the weather, which had turned fine after a week of evening thunderstorms. Small children sat in the landmark tree and posed for photographs, earth-bound adults sipped Champagne or Carlton and gossiped, musicians talked gigs, long-time residents reminisced, friendships were renewed and/or new connections made in an atmosphere of genuine conviviality.

Same time, same place in 2005!!

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Darling Street Glebe revives an old tradition

We, the residents of Darling Street (between St Johns Road and Lyndhurst Street) met at 11:30 am on Australia Day to celebrate a holiday and community. We have quite a few Glebe Society members and it was an

opportunity to share champagne and food and meet new residents. The highlights of the day were the sausage sizzle and Laurin's "ravishing raspberry ripple" which we added to our champagne. Tables, chairs and other accoutrements were spontaneously set up for what turned out to be a long talk-fest and a house inspection.

Around 30 people came and brought luscious food and drinks for all to share. Surprisingly there were no resident children except for a couple of kittens. From the feedback everyone really enjoyed themselves. I suspect many topics were discussed apart from real estate, as people were reluctant to leave. Strangely, some people who had lived in the street for six years actually acquired names, thanks to Kate and Tony who had the initiative to provide everyone with name tags.

I believe we will continue the "revived tradition" next year as it took very little effort to organise. A flyer was circulated a couple of weeks beforehand, telling people where and when to meet and more importantly, what to bring. The big challenge - will we remember everyone's names when we next meet them on the street?

- Jan Wilson

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then a crisis in the centre's operations. They stayed on, developed a plan with the Management Committee to improve the service, and over the past six years nurtured a dramatic change which is evident in the children's behaviour and the increased involvement of the local community in the centre's activities. The children take a pride in the centre, and strong relationships have been forged between the school, the centre and families.

TGSI is keen to assist Maria and Kerrie's work at Centipede and will be arranging a time soon for members of the Society to meet with them, hear about their future plans, and find out how we can best assist them in carrying out those plans. We will notify members when a meeting is arranged.

Meanwhile, if you wish to contact Centipede personally, Maria and Kerrie can be contacted on 9692-0663 between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday to Friday.

- Robyn Kemmis

Welcome to new members

The following people were accepted as new members at the February Committee meeting:

Jasmin Baker
Helen Barclay
Margaret & James Beattie
John Burnheim
Ross Gittins
Margaret Harris
Rosalind Hecker
Karlene Jaeger
Kerrie & Peter Murphy
Ann Proctor
Claudia Sloan
Gabrielle & Matthew Warnken

The President, Andrew Craig, and members of the Management Committee welcomed recent new members to the Glebe Society at a gathering at *Benledi* on Wednesday 18 February.



Above: the Jubilee Park grandstand will be restored, and vandal-proof (hopefully) lights will replace existing lights throughout the park.

Members would be aware that the City of Sydney has budgeted \$13 million in capital works towards the foreshore walk project. The program will include:

- acquisitions,
- upgrading existing parkland through improved lighting, seating, pathways and access points,
- restoring *Bellevue/Venetia* for public use,
- restoring the heritage grandstand and picket fence in Jubilee Park,
- re-establishing the bays' original small beaches and mangroves,
- establishing disabled access to all areas, and
- improving the environmental friendliness of all areas.

This is a general list and does not pretend to be comprehensive. At this



stage no details are available for the specific projects involved, but we are assured that as each stage undergoes its planning procedures, we will be consulted.

Now to get to the point of this brief warning – although I have absolute faith in the likely quality of the finished product, **the means to that end won't always be pretty!** At the last meeting of Council (that is, the first meeting of the City of Sydney Triumvirate) Stage 1 of the project was funded to the tune of \$1.5 million. The work is uncontroversial and should begin towards the end of March, but it won't lead to immediate improvements.

While you will understand the mess created by the preparatory work around the grandstand/oval, you may be alarmed to see several of the figs planted in 1988 being uprooted and carried away. Similarly you may be concerned when trenches are dug in Bicentennial Park. The explanation is simple. The figs and turf planted in 1988 have not flourished. This early work will provide the experts with the opportunity to analyse the soil and the plant stock to determine what has been going wrong so that it might be corrected as a part of Stage 1.

- John Buckingham

Glebe Point Road revitalisation workshop

The Glebe Point Road Revitalisation Workshop was held on Saturday 8 November. The genesis of the workshop resulted from the Glebe Society meeting with the Glebe Chamber of Commerce. The aim was to capitalise on the annexation of Glebe with the City of Sydney Council. This action presented a window of opportunity for the Glebe community. The Lord Mayor, Lucy Turnbull had announced her support for raising the profile of Glebe. It became a partnership between the Glebe community and the City of Sydney Council. Johnson & Johnson generously donated facilities and refreshments. Their office is located on level 3 in the Broadway Centre.

Historically, different groups had worked on issues in Glebe and some had developed strategic plans for the future of Glebe. Groups who had worked on issues included Leichhardt Council, Tourism Sydney, Glebe Chamber of Commerce, the Glebe Society, Glebe precincts and other interested parties.

The aim of the GPR Revitalisation Workshop was to bring representatives from these groups together in order to communicate, share ideas and develop priority actions. The primary objective was to identify actions that would assist in making Glebe a vibrant and safe community. Participants were asked to take responsibility for further action. There were representatives from Department of Housing, Police, Youth Centre, Chamber of Commerce, businesses, precincts, Glebe Society, Metro Rail, City of Sydney Council employees, residents and the Lord Mayor. Con Pappas, a Glebe resident facilitated the workshop.

Four areas for strategic consideration were identified and each was assigned a team leader. It is intended that there will be ongoing consultation. Each group will be seeking representatives from all sections of



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the community to ensure that all ideas are canvassed.

The four areas are:

- Urban design and space
- People and safety
- Culture and the arts
- Traffic and transport.
- Glebe In Action

There were two key objectives for November workshop.

1. To create a picture of "What Glebe will look like" in the future
2. To develop a meaningful action plan inclusive of:
 - defined priorities
 - assigned accountability
 - timelines.

Already, it has been established that some actions and priorities are interconnected. As the City of Sydney Council is an active partner, these priorities will be coordinated in order to streamline communication with Council. The **Glebe Point Road Revitalisation Project** is to be community driven, together with consultation with relevant parties and council administered where appropriate.

Leaders and their teams will meet regularly to:

1. discuss progress,
2. liaise with the council,
3. co-opt relevant members from the community.

Workshop participants will reconvene in the first quarter of 2004 to share results and challenges and define the next phases. We will keep you informed and are always keen to hear views and ideas.

Members of the Glebe Society are welcome to participate.

- Jan Wilson
On behalf of the
Coordinating Committee

February update:

Since the sacking of City of Sydney Council and the proposed merger with South Sydney Council,

Glebe may not necessarily have the same importance in the new structure. It is therefore more important than ever, that we remain proactive with the development of the strategies and be ever vigilant in order to reserve the Glebe Community.

A list of contacts for the GPR Revitalisation group is published on the next page.

From the terraces

Year of the Built Environment

2004 has been declared the International Year of the Built Environment (YBE). In Australia the National Trust, for its April 2004 Heritage Festival, has taken and expanded this idea by using the theme "Foundations of tomorrow in the Year of the Built Environment".

Our built environment offers us much to reflect upon, not least in its physical and aesthetic impact. But our views are also impacted by the way in which Australia seeks to sustain its heritage in the light of population growth, the rising cost of real estate, migration movements, our fragile environment and major development.

NSW Government Architect Chris Johnson (SMH 4/2/04) noted that "YBE gives an opportunity for the whole community to become involved in defining their concerns and value systems. We should also discuss the roles of the three tiers of government in raising the bar of design quality."

At a local level, we need to:

- Ensure the retention of Glebe as a **human-scale, coherent** and largely intact 19th century townscape.
- Ensure that development is **sympathetic and compatible** with the existing character of Glebe
- Ensure the maintenance and improvement of existing **conservation controls**
- Support the implementation of **incentives** and/or support schemes for private and public owners to conserve, restore and properly maintain their heritage properties.



- Ensure that **adequate curtilages** are retained around Glebe's heritage buildings¹.

Encourage the **restoration** of derelict and/or landmark heritage buildings and/or structures in Glebe, eg,

- **Bellevue** (included in the City of Sydney's Foreshore Promenade proposal)
- The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator (as part of the Fletcher site development)
- **Lyndhurst** (to be vacated shortly by the Historic Houses Trust)
- The **Abbey/Reussdale/Hamilton** site
- The 1891 stone retaining wall and **palisade fence** which runs beside Parramatta Road (between Ross and Derwent Streets)

To kick off this International Year of the Built Environment, we enclose with this Bulletin a brochure produced by the National Trust and Australia ICOMOS, called *Twelve Tips on Caring for Old Buildings*.

¹ The term 'heritage curtilage' is defined as the area of land surrounding an item of heritage significance which is essential for the retention or interpretation of that significance. It can also apply to a precinct which includes buildings, works, relics, trees or places and their setting.

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The Abbey motion

- The mature trees are a landmark contribution to the site and the streetscape, and should be retained unless they are a weed species.
- Provision for parking, and ingress and egress from the site, are unsatisfactory.
- Access for emergency vehicles is inadequate.

This proposal departs substantially from the controls of LEP and DCP 2000 and DCP 49. The desire of the Glebe community is that the full heritage significance of the site be retained and conserved with the minimum of new development.

If and when the consent authorities receive amendments to this application, this meeting requests they be advertised for comment for the same period as the original application.

This meeting also requests The Glebe Society hold a further public meeting to discuss the application in a larger venue.

Pending the receipt of such amendments, this meeting requests the City of Sydney to expedite its review of DCP 49 in the light of the points raised in this resolution, including a further period of advertising for public comment.

GPR group contacts

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News and Notes

The Book Club

The Glebe Society's newly formed Book Club is a great success. As well as encouraging us to read and discuss a book, the Club provides an opportunity to meet more Glebe people. It is attracting a good mix of 'old' and 'new' members, although at the moment more women than men are taking part. Where are the men?

Our third book, the basis of a film starring our Nicole, is *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier (\$16.20 at K-Mart). We will talk about it at the home of Fay & David Mander-Jones, 45 Hereford Street Glebe, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 March.

Please ring Fay on 9552 4172 to let her know you are coming. Bring enough nibbles, not cheese, for just one person to eat.

Thirsty Thursdays

All members are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month, to meet and eat with other people who live in Glebe. Attendances have been low in recent months, but summer is over now.

The next "Thirsty Thursday" dinner is at the restaurant in the Toxteth Hotel on 4 March. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 6.30 for 7 pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

If you have any suggestions for other "Thirsty Thursday" venues, or suggestions for other social events, please ring Edwina Doe on 9660 7066.

Bruce and Dorothy go to Paris ...

...and cause changes in The Glebe Society. Thank you Bruce for all your hard work, and to Dorothy for your patience. Best wishes to both of you while you are in Paris.

Assistant Assistant Treasurer needed

We need someone to act as back up Treasurer to Andrew Wood and Fay Mander-Jones. There will be times in the next four months when both these people are overseas and therefore we are looking for somebody to hold the fort during these periods. Please contact Andrew Craig if you can help.

Bulletin Editor needs help

Last February Bruce Davis became the Society's Treasurer and I took over as Bulletin Editor. A year later, partly because I did too much travelling and partly because of my laziness, I am still trying to learn PageMaker. The high standard of recent Bulletins is almost entirely due to Bruce's role as Layout Editor.

Is there anyone else out there who is familiar with PageMaker or a similar, preferably Windows compatible, program?

Eastern Precinct Residents' Group

Cyrus Brooks, Chair of the Eastern Precinct Residents' Group invites members of the Glebe Society to attend their meetings. The precinct meets at 7 pm on the last Wednesday of each month in the Old Fire Station at 113 Mitchell Street.

Is anyone interested in attending these meetings on a reasonably regular basis and acting in a communication role with this precinct?

- Andrew Craig

Australian Society for History of Engineering & Technology (ASHET)

ASHET has a new website at www.aset.org.au. It provides up to date information on events and news of interest to members and others. ASHET's next event is a tour of the military relics at Georges Heights. Please see their website for details.

House to let

A Glebe Society member wishes to let their own home while they are away overseas from late March to November. The house - a sandstone terrace c. 1880 - is in Ferry Road. It has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, large sunny family room, dining room, rooftop deck with bay and city skyline views, and a garage. The house would suit a professional couple on short term assignment in Sydney. If you know anyone who would be interested please phone 9660 7873 or email bjdavis@bigpond.net.au.

A member has a spare diary

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Phone the Town Hall, 1300 651 301, for contact details. Council business will be conducted as usual during the period before the elections on 27 March.



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For your diary ...

Wednesday 25 February, 7pm – Eastern Precinct Residents' Group - Old Fire Station, 113 Mitchell Street - see page 10.

Sunday 29 February, Wander on the Water - see page 1.

Monday 1 March, 5.30 pm – City of Sydney Commissioners meeting – Level One, Town Hall

Tuesday 2 March, 7.30 pm – Glebe Book Club, 45 Hereford Street, Glebe - see page 10.

Wednesday 3 March, 7 pm – Glebe Point Residents Group meeting, Benledi.

Thursday 4 March, 6.30 for 7 pm – “Thirsty Thursday” Dinner at the Toxteth Hotel Restaurant.

Sunday 7 March, 2 pm - Clean up Australia Day – Glebe contribution - see page 3.

Wednesday 10 March, 7.30 pm – Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel. All members welcome

Thursday 11 March, 7.15 pm, Quiz the (Mayoral) Candidates - see page 1.

Thursday 25 March, 7.30 pm – Bhutan or Bhust – Valhalla Cinema, 166d Glebe Point Road - see page 3.

Saturday 27 March – Local Government elections

We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating The Glebe Society.

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Website

The Society also has a growing website (www.glebesociety.org.au) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe. The website will only flourish if members send comments and contributions to editor@glebesociety.org.au

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