



# Glebe Society Bulletin

2/2004 March/April



## Quiz the (Mayoral) Candidates - the Future of Glebe is a Hot Issue...

... if eleven candidates and over 200 Glebe residents are any indication. That's how many people accepted an invitation to a public meeting on Thursday 11 March at Glebe Public School. The invitation had been issued to all fourteen candidates for the position of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, jointly by The Glebe Society, the Glebe Point Residents' Group and the Glebe Community Action Group. Leaflets were distributed throughout the suburb by volunteers.

Andrew Craig, President of The Glebe Society, chaired the meeting. After welcoming everyone, he explained the evening's format. Each of the eleven candidates present would speak for four minutes. Then, after a short break, candidates would answer written questions from residents.

One by one, candidates were introduced and asked to draw a number from a Gleebooks bag. The candidates present, and the order in which they spoke, were:

- Spencer Wu – Australian Democrats
- Dixie Coulton – Independent
- John Fowler – Sydney Independents
- Chris Harris – The Greens
- Philip Daley – Independent
- Michael Lee - Labor
- Shayne Mallard – Liberal
- Peter Collins – Independent
- Clover Moore - Independent
- Beverley Baker – Independent
- Matt Laffan – Independent.

Tony Spanos and Ormond McDermott (Independents) sent their apologies. Susan Price (Socialist Alliance) could not be contacted.

By the time you read this Bulletin, you will probably have received many more leaflets from the candidates. Some of these leaflets may well be the result of questions asked and ideas expressed at the meeting.

Candidates differed more in their proposed leadership style than in their attitude to Glebe.

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Each candidate had been sent a copy of The Glebe Society's Strategic Plan, 'Partnerships to a Vibrant Community' and all of them either quoted favourably from the document or said that they agreed with it. No one supported the current DAs for the Abbey or the Max Factor building. Whoever we elect as Lord Mayor, we can expect him or her to be sympathetic to the needs of Glebe. If our expectations are not met, we will have clear evidence of a breach of promise.

We extend special thanks to:

- Vicki Pogulis, Principal, Glebe Public School for donation of school hall and PA system
- Anthony Harrington, Manager, Coles Broadway, for the generous donation of spring water
- Laurin McKinnon for his time and professional services in setting up and managing the PA system on the night.

- Edwina Doe

#### INFORMATION FROM THE CLEANUP AUSTRALIA WEBSITE ([www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au))

##### How does plastic harm the environment?

Plastic kills up to 1 million seabirds, 100,000 sea mammals and countless fish each year worldwide. When the animal dies and decays the plastic is free again to repeat the deadly cycle.

There are 2 reasons that plastic bags are particularly problematic in the litter stream:

They last from 20 - 1,000 years.

They escape and float easily in air and water, travelling long distances."

##### Litter outcomes

Because plastic bags last so long, every year, the number of plastic bags in the litter stream increases.

Currently, only 3% per cent of plastic bags used in Australia are recycled.

## Clean Up Australia Day - Cleaning up the Foreshores

If you've walked around the foreshore between Glebe Point and Cook Street since *Clean Up Australia Day* you might notice the absence of two shopping trolleys which had long lain half buried in the water, a huge length of railway iron (ably carried up the hill by a team of people), and 24 bags of rubbish.

Such change is thanks to over twenty people who came in their raincoats to clean up the foreshore, including a number of people who work on the German Language newspaper, *Die Woche in Australien*, and who travelled some distance to assist. Thank you to Lars Jeschonnek, who provided the photo of some of the clean up team (see below).

Andrew Wood co-ordinated the event (before leaving our shores for a few months in Philadelphia). Volunteers included a number of committee members.

According to the Clean up Australia website ([www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au)), we were part of a record 677,000 volunteers at more than 7,000 sites across Australia, and contributed to an estimated 13% increase in participation.

On the website, Ian Kiernan AO, Chairman and Founder of Clean Up Australia commented '*I find it inspiring that after 15 years Clean Up Australia Day participation continues to grow. This truly is testimony that the people of Australia do care about the state of the environment and are prepared to do something about it.*'

##### BYO or ask for a paper bag!

It seems from the rubbish collected that, along with plastic bags, we keep contributing to the innumerable bottles, butts, cans and other items that wash up on our foreshores.

Stephanie Peatling recently wrote in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (13 March) that '*Australia has been struggling for some time with its 6.9 billion-a-year bag habit*' and noted that Huskisson, on the South Coast, and Coles Bay in Tasmania have become bag free towns.

Do we really need a plastic bag to wrap small items at department stores? Could you use cloth shopping bags at the fruit shop and supermarket? The large ones don't break like the plastic ones, either!

- Fiona Campbell



# Wander on the Water – Well Done!

Glebe Point Road, opposite the Library, was unusually busy on Sunday morning, 29 February. The Glebe Society, with the help of a grant from the City of Sydney, had hired the *Lady Wakehurst* so that members and other Glebe residents could look at the proposed waterfront walk from a different perspective.

Despite all efforts, the Committee was unable to secure permission to use our previous embarkation point at the head of Blackwattle Bay, partly due to the insurance problem and fears of litigation.

Instead, The Glebe Society hired Government shuttle buses that left the Glebe Library from 9am to take people to the Star City Wharf. Other people caught the Light Rail to Star City. Committee members ticked off names on lists and handed out the informative glossy coloured leaflet prepared by Bruce Davis. A copy of the leaflet is included with this Bulletin.

Just before 10am, the bright red ferry appeared and about 150 Society members and around 50 other Glebe residents boarded eagerly. We helped ourselves to free tea, coffee and biscuits and sat among friends around tables covered with spotless white cloths.

The *Lady Wakehurst* has a good PR system, so the announcements and

commentary were heard clearly. As we sailed under the Anzac Bridge, Andrew Craig, the Society's President, welcomed everyone aboard. While we travelled towards Glebe and around Rozelle Bay, we were informed and entertained by a formidable list of members, all of whom have been instrumental in preserving our foreshores and gaining parks and open spaces. The speakers included Neil Macindoe, who had suggested and organised the day, John Buckingham, Bruce Davis and Collin Hills. They pointed out landmarks as we passed them and explained the history of the sites and future plans for them.

When we had thoroughly explored our watery environment, we set course under the Harbour Bridge and across the Harbour to Clifton Gardens, entertained by the *Blackwattle Boys*, Glebe's own jazz band, and enjoying delicious slices of iced cake generously donated by Stephen Baker, the patisserie near Mitchell Street. The *Lady Wakehurst* moored at the wharf and a procession of people carried their picnic gear ashore for a pleasant hour or so ashore.

The return journey, accompanied by profiteroles and more music, was much shorter. After a most enjoyable cruise, we disembarked at 2pm at Star City, where we were met by buses and taken back to Glebe.

Thanks to the organisers for pulling the ferry adventure together and making it so enjoyable.

- **Edwina Doe**

## Some comments on the day...

I would like to congratulate Neil and all the others involved on a hugely successful day yesterday. It was informative, entertaining, sociable and thoroughly enjoyable. In my view, it is events like this that make the Glebe Society such an enduring organisation. These events are the glue that make us stick together.

Most of us are all too aware of the difficulties you all experienced in getting this to happen. Thank you all for your persistence. It was all well worth it!

Regards, Andrew Craig

Susie and I want to support Andrew's comments and congratulate you on initiating and organising a wonderful event. It really brought a lot of people together in a most happy and informative way.

All the best, Bob Armstrong

Absolutely! Heartily endorsed! Our guides were great - and I heard numerous people saying how much they had learned from the day.

Cheers, Robyn Kemmis

My group of friends and other people I've spoken to since really enjoyed it. Common question: when's the next one?

Many thanks - Jeanette Knox

Boarding the *Lady Wakehurst* after lunch at Clifton Gardens







The work of the Planning Subcommittee is not constant. Sometimes days or weeks go by without any major issue looming. However, it is unrelenting. Something important is bound to crop up, if not today, then tomorrow. There are long periods, and the beginning of the year is usually one of them, when it seems as if we are required to defend Glebe time after time, day after day, often many times a day, with phone calls, emails, faxes, letters, interviews with all forms of media, meetings on the site, in our homes, at Council, in the homes of concerned residents, with developers, meetings of all kinds and sizes, both public and private. Sometimes we long for a rest, and for reassurance that we are not alone and not without allies and supporters.

This is why I asked the Committee if I could attend the National Trust Conference on 8 March, Heritage Under Glass. It gave me a chance to meet likeminded people, to hear the thoughts and experience of others, and to reflect. This report concludes with the result of those reflections, but my thoughts are never far from the many battles we have fought, the benefits and improvements we have secured, and the multitude of buildings we have saved.

### **The Abbey, 156-60 Bridge Road**

I spoke to the City Council planner, Tony Robb, on 10 March. He assures me the architect has discussed the amendments mentioned at the public meeting. He expects formal amendments to be lodged shortly, when they will be publicly advertised and notified to all previous objectors. A further article about this proposal appeared in *City News*, March 2004, p8.

### **Gottenham Inn (formerly Burton Family Hotel), 55-7 St Johns Road**

This typical former neighbourhood pub, once the haunt of some colourful local identities, is proposed for recycling as offices with two units above. The proposal appears satisfactory, although it is always sad to see a reminder of former times lost.

However, it is not clear that all the planning requirements have been met, so we will raise this issue, more to ensure this is done in future than to oppose this application.

I have a particular interest in the adjoining terraces, one of which is owned by the pub, because one was bought by my great grandfather to house his family when he stepped off the ship the century before last.

### **Max Factor, 431 Glebe Point Road**

I received reassurance from National Trust officers at the Conference that they had this matter well in hand, and we would receive their continued support. However, nothing was happening while the City planner, Louise Evans, was on holidays. It always feels good to have support, but it should not make us complacent. The applicant for this proposal has not shown much flexibility, and we could be up for a tough fight. *The Courier*, 2 March, contained a short article that was supportive.

### **Victorian Terraces, 77-9 St Johns Road**

Members will recall our successful campaign to save these dwellings last year. There is now a new proposal that preserves the terraces, adds a further two storey dwelling and converts the stables to another two storey dwelling (making four in all).

### **4 Bridge Road**

This proposal is to replace a single storey industrial building with a ground floor showroom plus two floors of units (five altogether). The proposal appears satisfactory apart from its height, which is greater than that of the Kauri Hotel next door (which should by now have been made a Heritage Item).

### **Harold Park Hotel, 115 Wigram Road**

This eyesore is a legacy of Larry Hand and his supporters. It was an attempt to build serviced apartments to cash in on the Sydney Olympics. Succeeding proposals have come to grief because they try to continue

with the existing plan, adapted to self-contained dwellings, however, the Business zoning remains. The latest effort reduces the number of units from 49 to 36.

We are keen to find a solution, but although this proposal is an improvement, the design pays no attention whatever to the surrounding buildings, which include many of heritage significance. The proposal is too high and too dense. We are reluctant to ask members to object to this one, as the issues are complex, but please have a go if you feel strongly about the issue. It is open for objection until 23 March



The old Harold Park hotel at the corner of Ross Street and Wigram Road. Formerly known as the Lillybridge Hotel, it was erected in 1888 and demolished in 1959.

Picture reproduced from Bulletin 7/1971.

### **Witches' Houses, Johnson Street, Annandale**

These houses form a spectacular skyline viewed from Glebe. For a long time the tallest spire was capped with concrete in a particularly unattractive fashion. We have pressed for the restoration of the spire for a long time, and recently scaffolding appeared around it. Now the scaffolding is almost gone, and like a beautiful butterfly emerging from its cocoon, we can see the delicate point and tracery of the restored spire.

### **Orphan School Creek**

The developers appear to have done most of the landscape work on the western side. It seems we are still waiting for the land swap.

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### **Trial Filters on Funnel Stacks**

On Sunday, 12 March, Carl Scully, Minister for Roads, announced a trial of air filters on tunnel stacks. Horst Schwartz, past Environment Convenor, and Steve Stewart, past Traffic Convenor, took very different positions on filters, but both campaigned on the issue, and both deserve to be congratulated. However, it is still not certain the filters will be trialled on the Cross City Tunnel, so we will need to continue lobbying.

### **National Trust Conference, "Heritage Under Glass"**

The speakers were inspirational. Jack Munday, unionist, spoke on community involvement in heritage. Richard Leplastrier, architect, spoke of the valuable work of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. Joan Domicelj, heritage consultant, reflected on the heritage values of the Australian landscape and Sydney Harbour and James Simpson flew from Edinburgh to discuss World Heritage sites and listings.

They described, with many examples from Australia, Asia, Europe and South America, the involvement of communities in their culture and heritage, causing both governments and foreigners to acknowledge and appreciate the economic and social value of heritage. One striking example was the banding together of forty-two communes in the Loire Valley, south of Paris, to celebrate and preserve their heritage. Similar heritage significance was identified in the Southern Highlands and Northern Tablelands of NSW, and James Simpson, fresh from the World Heritage listed Edinburgh, was equally emphatic Sydney Harbour should be inscribed as soon as possible.

This set me thinking. If the heritage value of our region was so obvious, why do I have to spend my life defending and explaining it?

The answer is very simple. For many years we have been ruled by a council whose actions, and inactions,

flatly contradicted its admirable statements. How can you convince people you care about the environment when you neglect the parks? That you care about the built environment, but leave Bellevue, and all other Council-owned buildings, to rot? That you care about the community, when you destroy the main street with revenue-raising parking meters? That you care about heritage, when you allow it to be covered with graffiti?

People judge by what they see, not by what you say. What they saw was neglect and indifference. Their response was, "if our leaders don't care, why should we?" It was, and to a degree remains, an open invitation to vandals and developers. It even explains why some people still cling pathetically to the Council's words. Those words were so nice - they couldn't help but believe one day the Council would put its money where its mouth was. But of course, it never did.

- Neil Macindoe

## **From the Archives**

Reproduced from *Bulletin 8/1971*

### **Glebe Public School**

Last week 63 concerned parents and residents attended a meeting at Glebe Public School called by the headmaster, Mr. Jordan, which successfully achieved its objective of forming a P & C Association, sadly lacking over years of indifference from the community.

We hope the formation of this body will help correct the many shameful inadequacies of the school at present. Due to the maintained but unfulfilled promise of the Education Department of a new school and their directive to curtail expenditure on the existing one, the buildings are delapidated, particularly the original structure. There is no lighting in the classrooms (in one room, the blackout paper from the war has only recently been removed), the toilet facilities are unbelievable and the staff amenities practically non-existent. The children's playground is the street between Glebe Point Road and Derwent Street, blocked to through traffic. We hope the new council can at least rectify this, by granting the land to the school.

These faults can and should be overcome as the original building, properly restored, would compare favourably, perhaps even surpass, many new schools. The rooms are large, the construction solid and soundproof, the ceilings immensely high. Once the headquarters of the Education Dept. Broadcasting Section, the broadcast room now serves as TV and film room, with the offices behind converted to a migrant teaching classroom. There is a special needlework room, and the large light library, recently created out of 2 rooms, could not be faulted.

Lately, the Education Dept. seems to have partially rescinded its veto on repairs and plans are made for painting the exterior and some of the classrooms. Hopefully this will not be merely another stopgap measure, but the beginning of complete renovation. If not, the newly formed P & C should form a vocal and effective accelerator. The Glebe Society has pledged its support, should it be asked.

## Kirsova Playground Number Two

Saturday 14 February - a lovely morning and a crowd was gathering at a small piece of open space beside the railway tracks in George Street Erskineville.

Seats were laid out, flags were flying, refreshments were on hand, coffee and tea for the adults, ice cream and orange juice for the children. There was an air of celebration around. Was it a party? Somebody's birthday perhaps? Not a birthday, but definitely a celebration....

As a result of Dr John Hood's research, this pocket playground has been identified as the second piece of land bought by Madame Helen Kirsova (the first has since been built over) to provide playing space for the disadvantaged children of the area. Dr Hood had approached South Sydney Council and today the park was being named and dedicated to Mme Kirsova.

About 50 people listened to the speeches, watched the unveiling of the commemorative plaque and had their photographs taken.

Ex-Councillors, would-be Mayors, local families, all mingled together and were made very welcome. However, the biggest welcome was reserved for five of Mme Kirsova's Dancers who had come to attend this dedication from as far afield as Brisbane and Cootamundra. They had many stories to tell and many old photos to hand around. They remembered Mme Kirsova with great respect and affection. The Ballet Company she founded was the first professional dance company in Australia and had a reputation for excellence. Madame was a woman of independent means, and all of the Ballet Company's profits were given to the Red Cross or used to establish three inner city playgrounds, two of which now bear her name.

The City of Sydney Council has undertaken to upgrade the third Kirsova Playground, situated in the corner of Wigram Lane, Glebe. We look forward to celebrating its refurbishment and its dedication to a most remarkable woman.

**- Fay Mander Jones**

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### Thankyou Bruce

As I type this, Bruce and Dorothy Davis are on their way to the Airport and a new life in Paris. They have handed their house over to their children and moved on, but hope to see everyone next Christmas. They can still be contacted on their usual e-mail address and will give us their snail mail address soon. We expect a report in the next *Bulletin*.

Bruce has temporarily handed over money matters to a team of three (Andrew W, Fay and Alison). He has given Liz a supply of Bulletin address labels. And he has finally taken away my training wheels, so I have been forced to use PageMaker by myself.

Bruce - it takes a whole committee to replace you. You will be missed.

**- Ed the Ed**

### Website 'Hits'

Your Webmaster has been compiling some statistics about visitors to the Society's website over the last few weeks, which may be as good a sampling period as any. From 31 December 2003 to 7 March 2004, there were 7,779 "hits" in the parlance of computer buffs which means that over this period of 67 days, there was an average of 116 visitors per day to our website.

Our server has initiated a program, *LiveStats*, and we hope these statistics can be used in the future to provide an analysis of where our visitors come from and how frequently the same people visit our website. It will be interesting to see if the number of visitors changes when local topical issues affecting our suburb occur, such as the forthcoming, hotly contested, local government election.

**- Cynthia Jones**

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## Cheerio Jean Mackenzie

Jean Mackenzie was for many years a stalwart member of the Monday Group of the Society, but also was a lively participant in the Society's social functions of all kinds. Sadly she passed away in late February.

Jean was born in Wagga Wagga in 1914, and spent her childhood there before moving to Sydney to train as a nurse at the Children's Hospital. She married Colin in 1941, as a wartime bride, and after the war they lived in New South Wales country towns where Colin practised as a solicitor. They moved to Sydney in 1967, and to Glebe in 1978. They both became members of the Glebe Society and were constant supporters, being particularly generous in making their apartment available for After Col's death in 1993 Jean maintained her independence in their unit until her final stay in hospital. She was a well-known figure travelling up and down Glebe Point Road on her "gopher".

So, cheerio Jean. You were good company, and we enjoyed knowing you.

**- Jeanette Knox**

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### Hello to New Members

The following people were accepted as members at the March Management Committee Meeting:

Jane & Lyn Collingwood  
Gregory Crough  
Mark Dent  
Penny Haskins  
Kate Hay  
Heather Heckenberg  
Jane & Tim Holland  
Yvonne Inall  
Max Irvine  
Kate Lanceley  
Sharon Moore  
Neil Watson  
Paul Zawa

# National Trust Heritage Festival 2004, 24 April - 2 May

“The theme for the National Trust’s Heritage Festival this year has been chosen to reflect the Year of the Built Environment...

The built environment can be interpreted in numerous ways, however. It encompasses any kind of manmade structure, from the most practical to the totally creative; from properties and items which stand alone, to those which are a part of stories significant to our thoughts and dreams....” **Quote from the National Trust Heritage Festival Brochure**

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## Special Glebe Society Event - Wednesday 28 April

### Streetscapes & Skyscapes: Heritage In The Emerald City

**Chris Johnson, NSW Government Architect**

**Wednesday 28 April 2004 at 6.30 for 7pm  
Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe  
\$15 (\$10 Concession) including refreshments**

2004 has been declared The Year of the Built Environment and the Glebe Society has invited Chris Johnson to speak to members and friends on one of the YBE umbrella themes, “Our Built Heritage”.

Population pressures on the city and its immediate environs are significant and are unlikely to abate. Dramatic outcomes of these pressures can already be seen in Pymont, Balmain and South Sydney.

How should these pressures be accommodated in a Heritage Conservation Area such as Glebe where its value as a built environment has been recognised by the National Trust and on the Register of the National Estate.

Glebe is a 19th Century, human-scale, suburb characterised by single, two and three storey terraces and some outstanding examples of Federation villas. There are also some unique early buildings such as John Verge’s Lyndhurst (1835) and Toxteth Park (1831). Glebe’s character and history are inextricably linked to these buildings.

Chris Johnson, besides being the Government Architect, is Director of the NSW secretariat for the Year of the Built Environment (YBE) 2004. Chris is also a member of the Central Sydney Planning Committee and a member of the Heritage Council. He is the author of a number of books including *Shaping Sydney*.

Gleebooks have kindly offered to host this Glebe Society event.

For more details, please see the enclosed flyer.

Phone bookings are essential – 9518 6186.

**- Liz Simpson-Booker**

## Tank Stream tours

The Historic Houses Trust, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Corporation, is organising special tours which will take visitors along the length of the stream that determined the location of Sydney. The Tank Stream served as Sydney’s first and main source of fresh water for 30 years.

On Sunday 2 May, tours depart every 45 minutes from 9 am, with the last tour departing at 4.30pm. The meeting point is announced at the time of booking. Limited places are available, so book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings essential on 9518 6866. Cost \$20 (Conc. \$15).

## Other National Trust Heritage Festival events in Glebe:

### Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative College

#### Tranby Walking Tour

**13 Mansfield Street**

**Sunday 25 April. 10am – 4pm. \$10.**

Treat yourself to a cultural journey through Tranby College, meet friendly Course Co-ordinators who will reveal “historical maps” that exist within the College, describing interaction of cultural “ways of being” and the built environment. Hourly tours will be led by Oomera Edwards, acting CEO. Damper and cuppa included. Bookings essential, 9660 3444.

### Sydney Harbour Federation Trust - Cockatoo Island Film Night Valhalla Cinema, 166 Glebe Point Road

**Tuesday 27 April, 6.30pm. Free.**

Cockatoo Island is the largest island in Sydney Harbour. It has a remarkable history from convict prison to dockyard for shipbuilding and repair. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is holding a Special Screening of Welcome to Cockatoo – a specially commissioned documentary produced to show the history of this unique part of Sydney Harbour. Enquiries 8969 2131

## Program - National Trust Heritage Festival 2004

The Glebe Society has a limited number of copies of the program of events for this year’s festival. There are a number of events scheduled for Annandale, Balmain and Leichhardt. In the city, there are over 30 events listed – to cater for all interests – from art deco tours to “heritage” beer.

For a copy of the program, ring Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518 6186.



# News and Notes

## The Book Club

From now on, we will announce details of the next **two** books, to give you more time to find and read them.

Tuesday 30 March, 7.30pm. Our fourth book is *The Idea of Perfection* by Australian author Kate Grenville. We will talk about it at the home of Liz Simpson-Booker, at 1/57 Hereford Street, Glebe.

Please ring Liz on 9518 6186 to let her know you are coming. Bookings are essential.

Tuesday 27 April, 7.30pm. Our book choice for April is *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, by James Joyce. We will meet at the home of Ian Edwards, 109 St Johns Road.

Our discussion is relaxed and enjoyable. Don't feel intimidated!

## 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.

The next "Thirsty Thursday" dinner is at the Toxteth Hotel on April Fool's Day, 1 April. We will try a new location, the dining room to the right of the counter where we order our meals. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

## Campanilismo, Glebe

Frances Mayes, author of *Under the Tuscan Sun* wrote about campanilismo - the Italian concept of living within the sound of the local church bells. (Italian scholars will hurry to point out that it also means parochialism!)

These thoughts were aroused on a recent Sunday when gentle musical sounds from the belltower of St Johns Bishopsgate drifted over the valley towards Forest Lodge. For this dreamy Italophile, it was less of a summons to prayer; but rather a beautiful adjunct to a lazy early autumn afternoon.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

## Residents Against Polluting Smokestacks

Will there be a vehicle tunnel, with unfiltered emission stacks, near each end of Glebe? The RTA is contemplating their next tunnel, possibly starting at Rozelle Goods Yard.

Charles Briers, from Residents Against Polluting Stacks Inc, will talk about within-tunnel filtration at the next Glebe Point Residents' meeting, 7pm Wednesday 7 April at Benledi.

- Alison McKeown

## Bike it!

This 62-page, A5 size booklet has been produced in cooperation with NSW Health Promotion authorities. It provides 30 detailed bike routes for getting around inner Sydney. It focuses on stress-free back streets, topography, safety tips and more. For more information, go to [www.bike-it.com.au](http://www.bike-it.com.au).

## Foley Park

We have been advised by the City Council that a head consultant for the Foley Park Plan of Management was being formally appointed during the week commencing 15 March. The consultant team will comprise heritage, planning, recreational and landscape professionals. A series of consultations is programmed to take place, starting in April.

- Bobbie Burke

## Glebe Point Road Revitalisation Project - Update

Robyn Kemmis has successfully negotiated the donation by the University of Technology, Sydney, of six computer tables for the Glebe Youth Centre. This is property that is "written off" by the university and can be donated to community organisations. It is intended that there will be supply of computers for the Tenants Association of the Department of Housing.

Thankyou Hugh Parlane, (a new member) for your assistance with collection and delivery of the tables from UTS to Glebe.

- Jan Wilson



## City of Sydney Commissioners

Lucy Turnbull, former Lord Mayor of Sydney

Tony Pooley, former Mayor of South Sydney

Gary Payne, Director General of the Department of Local Government.

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.



## Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe Society Archives

Principal: Mrs Elva Salter Phone 9660 3530



# For your diary ...

**Thursday 25 March**, 7.30 pm – Bhutan or Bhust – Valhalla Cinema, 166 Glebe Point Road.

**Saturday 27 March** – Local Government elections

**Wednesday 31 March**, 7pm – Eastern Precinct Residents' Group - Old Fire Station, 113 Mitchell Street-

**Tuesday 30 March**, 7.30 pm – Glebe Society Book Club, 1/57 Hereford Street, Glebe.

**Wednesday 7 April**, 7 pm – Glebe Point Residents' Group meeting, Benledi. Tunnel filtering update. See p8.

**Thursday 1 April**, 7 pm – “Thirsty Thursday” Dinner at the Toxteth Hotel Restaurant.

**Wednesday 14 April**, 7.30 pm – Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel. All members welcome.

**Saturday 24 April - Sunday 2 May** - National Trust Heritage Festival.

**Tuesday 27 April**, 7.30 pm – Glebe Society Book Club, 109 St Johns Road, Glebe.

**Tuesday 27 April**, 6.30 pm – Cockatoo Island Film Night- Valhalla Cinema, 166 Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

**Wednesday 28 April**, 6.30pm - Streetscapes or Skyscapes - Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe. See Flyer.

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](http://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](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

## The Glebe Society Inc

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### Management Committee

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| Treasurer (Acting)       | Andrew Wood        |           |

### Committee Members

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Robyn Kemmis 9692 9440 | Bob Armstrong | 9660 4189 |
| Tony Larkum 9660 7030  | Ted McKeown   | 9660 3917 |

### Sub-committees

All sub-committee chairs are *ex officio* members of the Management Committee

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