



# Glebe Society Bulletin

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## Love Your Lane

The lane is  
"unveiled"  
by Lord  
Mayor Clover  
Moore.

Photo provided  
by Rebecca  
Raap.



Our new Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, officially unveiled the refurbished laneway between Cowper Lane and Mitchell Lane East on Saturday morning 8 May.

About 30 people, ranging in age from toddlers to 80 year olds, were present. They included Glebe Place Manager Marcello Massi, Councillor Robyn Kemmis, Area Manager, Inner West & Northern Suburbs, Department of Housing Gemma Cooney, Glebe Society member Jan Wilson and many local residents.

As the Council explains, the *Love your Lane* initiative aims to raise awareness about and reduce the incidence of illegal dumping across the local government area and seeks to challenge the public perception of laneways and how they are used.

The lane, previously a dirty dumping ground where residents were afraid to walk, now has smart planter boxes and new bitumen. Best of all, dozens of colourful tiles, decorated by children and adults, are embedded in a strip of concrete at the edge of the lane. Council hopes to create three or four similar laneways each year.

Clover Moore introduced Rebecca Raap, Senior Project Officer, Environment, Waste, Stormwater & Education, who took over responsibility for this *Love your Lane* project from Leichhardt Council. Rebecca emphasised the need to avoid illegal dumping and encouraged local residents to utilise Council's weekly

clean-up service in addition to the normal garbage collection. If you have items for collection that don't fit into your bin, call and book a clean-up during business hours on 1300 651 301 and ask for the Waste Services Department.

More information about the City's waste and recycling service can be found on the City's website [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/waste](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/waste)

### You are invited to a PUBLIC MEETING

to discuss the amended  
Development Application for  
**THE ABBEY, 156-160  
BRIDGE ROAD, GLEBE**

At 6:30 pm, Thursday, 3 June

In the Community Room, Benledi  
(Glebe Library)

An inspection of the site will be held at 4:30 pm the same day. Meet architect Peter Mayoh at the main gate of the Abbey.

Among other changes:

- the Amended Application reduces the number of residential units from 40 to 22;
- re-use of the Abbey is proposed to be professional suites rather than residential;
- car spaces are reduced from 49 to 46;
- and nine more trees are to be retained.

**ALL WELCOME**

## CityRAGS Update

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City of Sydney Combined Resident Action Groups (CityRAGs) was held on Tuesday 4 May at Ultimo Community Centre, Ultimo. Thirteen Groups were represented. The anticipated attendance of the Lord Mayor did not eventuate owing to Parliament sitting. In her stead, Mr Larry Galbraith, a policy adviser in the Lord Mayor's Office, met with us. His presentation and the subsequent question and answer session took up a considerable part of the meeting – to a good end. The areas discussed ranged over:

- the Town Hall organisation, personnel and procedural changes;
- the 'City of Villages' concept; planning and consultation processes;
- the Precinct model – being a matter for negotiation and future debate;
- Community forums, some eleven to be chaired by the Lord Mayor commencing in late May (these will be publicised in the local press);
- the nature, extent and identification of support by Council for CityRAGs and individual resident groups.

Larry has asked us to let him have a 'wish list' of items we want Council to address, to be communicated through the CityRAGs representatives.

The Minutes of the meeting will be posted on CityRAGs Website shortly (<http://www.gangart.com/cityrags/> CityRAGs).

The important matter of representation on CityRAGs was brought up in earlier debate and this will be of interest to members of former precincts in Glebe and other areas. It was noted that the CityRAGs draft Charter provision for 'one area/one vote' raised such questions as:

- how boundaries are defined
- overlaps of boundaries
- overlaps of organisations within those boundaries
- problem of single issue groups.

After discussion, the following was agreed:

- if decision-making is by consensus (as per the draft Charter), this issue hopefully should not arise
- no interested resident action group/precinct group should be excluded from participating
- if the City of Sydney chose to take up the precinct model, the issue of boundaries would be somewhat clearer.

CityRAGs would encourage those representing such groups to make contact through their webmaster at [gerald@gangart.com](mailto:gerald@gangart.com).

- Bob Armstrong

## One Year On

A year ago, on 8 May, Glebe and Forest Lodge became a part of the City of Sydney. We joined the City with mixed feelings, mainly because of the lack of consultation with residents, many of whom would have preferred to remain in Leichhardt.

As it turned out, life in Glebe seems to have improved as a result of the amalgamation. The Lord Mayor, Lucy Turnbull, took a personal interest in our suburb. Teams moved in to remove graffiti. New uniform street signs were installed to replace the previous assortment of signs. The Foreshore Walk came closer to completion, with the acquisition of the Anchorage strip of land. And best of all, we have a convenient one-stop Council office in Glebe Town Hall, run very efficiently by Place Manager Marcello Massi.

Just when we had settled into our new "home" life changed once more, with the creation of an even larger City of Sydney, again without consultation. We also have a new Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, who so far seems to be very interested in our suburb.

We look forward to the next year.

- Edwina Doe

## Government Architect Extols the Virtues of Glebe...

To a gathering of 76 people in Gleebooks upstairs on Wednesday 28 April, Chris Johnson spoke to the title suggested by the Heritage Subcommittee, namely "Streetscapes and Skyscapes: Heritage in the Emerald City".

He pictured Australians' love of country, but paradoxically, our desire to live in big cities; of how we had combined both loves in the quarter acre suburban block with enough room for trees and shrubs all around. But now the quarter acre block has so shrunk, and the castles on them so grown, as to leave no room for the trees. Visit any of our new outer Sydney housing developments and you will see what he means.

For an answer to this lack of balance between the built and natural environment, Chris Johnson used our very own Glebe as an example. Here he sees a balance of both worlds in the traditional terrace house which on the one hand achieves efficiencies in building costs and land usage, whilst still providing space in the front and back for the plants which do so much to improve our air quality. Couple this with nearby parks both small and large and the balance is achieved.

And in a cultural sense, Glebe-type planning with its higher densities enables the village atmosphere of everybody's front gate being within walking distance of shops and services. Chris Johnson did, however, identify the linear nature of Glebe Point Road as detrimental to the perception of a village "centre".

In all, it was a positive view of how Sydney might better cope with its population pressures, with Glebe offering a successful model for adoption.

- David Mander Jones

**Note : The text of Chris Johnson's talk is available on the Glebe Society website.**

# The M4 East - Tunnel Vision

Glebe residents will be aware that road tunnels are proliferating in Sydney's suburbs. However the news is that even though emission filtering systems are available, they are not included in the tunnels. Residents living near existing and proposed tunnels have become experts and leaders in the fight for filtering.

Judi Rossi from RAPS Inc addressed the Glebe Point Residents Group meeting at Benledi on 7 April, 2004. Judi explained that RAPS (Residents Against Polluting Stacks) was formed in 1999 in the Bardwell Park - Earlwood area because of concerns regarding pollution emanating from the single M5 East road tunnel emission stack. The M5 East tunnel is unfiltered. The top of its emission stack is below the adjacent hills. A NSW Parliamentary Inquiry made recommendations that would have improved the ventilation in the tunnel but these were ignored by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The RTA incorrectly assumed that filtering systems would cost more to install and operate than a stack.

Five years later the road tunnel pollution problem threatens Glebe. Just one kilometre from the corner of St Johns Road and Wentworth Park Road the Cross-City road tunnel is proceeding. It will have an unfiltered emission stack that will emit the day's pollution during the night at Darling Harbour. Pollution will be held during peak hours then released at night through the stack.

The original project included two stacks but after residents at the eastern end raised concerns, the project was altered to have a single stack in Darling Harbour next to the IMAX building. When residents on this western side continued to voice concerns the emission stack height was increased to 60 metres and an additional parallel pollution tunnel was incorporated into the project.

To the north west of Glebe the RTA

is examining options for a road tunnel linking the M4 at Strathfield to the east. One option ends at Anzac Bridge in the vicinity of the Rozelle railway goods yards, and another emerges at Haberfield.

When the M4 East options were discussed, inner west residents angrily rejected facilitation of more road traffic, more air pollution and more emission stacks. 1,000 people attending meetings at Ashfield Town Hall and 200 at Leichhardt rejected the RTA alternatives.

In Norway, Japan and Korea, electrostatic precipitators (EPs) are built-in to bypass tunnels or placed in tunnel roofs to filter 200 metre segments. They collect pollution and recycle treated air forward to the next segment, where the next series of EPs perform the function again, and so on. Waste particles are disposed of in industrial incinerators. In addition the system can handle smoke for twenty minutes if there is a fire. Norway has achieved 94% and higher efficiencies in filtering fine particles. The cost of designing filters in the M5 East tunnel and maintaining them would have been less than building and maintaining the emission stack.

The M5 East tunnel was designed for 60,000 vehicle movements per day. It has up to 110,000 movements per day and it took away 5% of the passengers from the parallel railway line. The tunnel is heavily congested during peak hours. Documents released by Parliamentary resolution show that fans are working at capacity during peak hours to meet carbon monoxide standards inside the tunnel. The cost of energy to run the fans is \$3 million per year. There are concerns that there is very limited fan capacity should there be a fire at peak traffic times. Traffic lights have now been installed at King Georges Road to limit vehicles in the tunnel. The tunnel has induced traffic, and its full capacity during peak hours now causes traffic to return to local streets.

RAPS draws our attention to the following points:

- Retro-fitting filtering systems is problematic.
- Public meetings in the inner-west are united in calling for an integrated public transport plan for Sydney.
- Port Botany is set to expand. Haulage trucks called B-doubles will move on to roads and it is feasible that we will see them and hear them on Anzac Bridge en route to the M4.
- City of Sydney Mayor Clover Moore is on record for supporting filtering.
- Chemical emissions from vehicles contribute to respiratory problems, cancer and heart disease. 150 conditions are placed on the M5 East tunnel but the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources is either unwilling or unable to enforce them. There is no EPA licence controlling pollution from road tunnels.

The RAPS Inc website is [www.nostack.8m.com](http://www.nostack.8m.com). RAPS emails a bulletin to its members. Membership is \$10 per annum (send to PO Box 270 Earlwood 2206).

Thanks to Judi Rossi for addressing the meeting and thanks to the Glebe Society for publishing this slightly amended article.

**- Alison McKeown.**



# Planning Matters



## **Favourable Court Decision on 115 St Johns Road**

City Council ordered the removal of a large wooden awning covering much of the façade of this Victorian terrace almost opposite Glebe Town Hall. The owner did not accept this decision and put in a Development Application. The Society requested Council to refuse the application. On 27 April, Commissioner Tim Moore of the Land and Environment Court ordered the awning removed and “the fence upgraded to a more traditional appearance”. Council can now take the owner to court if she does not comply with the Commissioner’s orders.

This is an example of cooperation between Council and The Society. There was good liaison at every stage and the outcome is the best for all parties. Let us hope this kind of action is seldom necessary, but if it is required, that it is conducted in the same manner and with the same spirit.

## **Residents Look Out for Reussdale**

On 21 April local residents noticed vandals attacking Reussdale. They asked the caretaker to help, but he was reluctant, so they notified the police, who had the intruders out within the hour.

Clearly we cannot rely on owners to protect their property, especially when they have failed to do so in the past. Neglected buildings are an invitation to vandalism, as noted in the March Bulletin. Hopefully it will not be long before the amended DA for this site is advertised, so we can progress toward the restoration of Reussdale and its permanent preservation.

## **Amended Abbey Development Application**

The amended application for this site reduces the number of dwellings and proposes commercial use for the church. Restoration of Reussdale is still included. The

Society is to hold a follow-up public meeting at Benledi (Glebe Library) at 6:30 pm on Thursday 3 June (see notice on page 1).

## **Brisbane Sets the Pace**

Ten years ago Queensland seemed to be going for the demolition award. Good examples of urban renewal were rare, as was concern for heritage. Not any more! On our visit to friends and relations in Brisbane last month we were shown, and discovered, a quite dramatic shift, shown best by a new orientation toward the river. The City Council has installed a fast and very popular ferry service, and built floating pontoon walkways where access to the River is not continuous.

It is not all sweetness and light: there are quite a few new high rise apartment buildings replacing wharves and warehouses. However, zoning and height controls are being strictly observed, and there is a new respect for the traditional “Queenslander” house on stumps, that, together with the varied topography, gives Brisbane a unique charm. The Roma Street railway marshalling yards have been transformed into sixteen hectares of sub-tropical forest, lily ponds and flower gardens. On your next visit to Queensland, don’t miss it.

## **Leichhardt Lurches Yet Again**

Leichhardt Council continues to demonstrate its political instability with an “agreement” between the major

parties to alternate the position of mayor for the next three years.

The more observant among us will recall the major parties have indeed dominated decision making for the previous four years, but could not decide on replacing the mayor (Sept/Oct 2002 Bulletin, p4). Members will also recall Leichhardt councillors have a different understanding from most people of what is meant by “agreement”.

## **Congratulations, Russell and Christine Stewart!**

On the weekend of 15-16 May, together with Alison and Ted McKeown and other friends we walked the twenty-seven kilometres from Mount Victoria to Lithgow via Collit’s Inn and Hassan’s Walls.

What a delight it was, footsore and weary, to see the lights of Collit’s Inn as night fell and the Milky Way blazed, and to be welcomed with a glass of *kir* and a magnificent dinner of game and chestnuts! Equally delightful it was to open the door in the morning on a landscape of soaring escarpments and glistening forest. The Stewarts, Glebe Society members, have done a splendid and respectful restoration of one of the best sited heritage buildings in the country. Add Collit’s to your must-do list.

- Neil Macindoe

**“Reussdale”, the delapidated house next door to The Abbey**



## A scoundrel or a champion of the underdog...



### Who was H J Foley?

Because of our interest in the upgrading of Foley Park, I wanted to know more about the man after whom it is named. On the death of Dr H J Foley in 1989, *The Glebe* (12 July) carried the following report:

*"A legendary figure of inner west local politics was hailed as a 'wonderful bloke and a fabulous doctor' after his death ... " adding that "... he will always be remembered as a champion of the underdog and the worker".*

Max Solling provides the following biographical information: Horace John Foley was born in 1901, and died in July 1989. He was the son of a country school teacher, and won a bursary to Sydney University where he graduated in medicine in 1926. He moved from Burwood to 202 Glebe Point Road about 1932 where he conducted his medical practice until he retired in 1979.<sup>1</sup> He was a member of the Glebe Municipal Council from 1934-39, and was Mayor during the years 1937 and 1938.<sup>2</sup>

To say the least, Dr Foley had a lively career in Glebe local politics for the four years from December 1934 to December 1938. In December 1935 he was elected Deputy Mayor, and he became Mayor in December 1936. Solling and Reynolds report that during this time "... Foley was able to make

Glebe his fief."<sup>3</sup> The Council Minute Books contain some spirited interactions, confirmed by newspaper reports for the period, revealing that his time there was more than somewhat controversial. In April 1937 he was asked on notice "Does a state of chaos exist in the Glebe Municipal Council ...?" Not to waste words, Foley's answer was a simple "No".

That year five men were fired from the Council owing, Dr Foley said, *to the stringent state of the finances ....* Later the men took action in the Industrial Court where they alleged they were dismissed for refusing to join "Foley's Labor League". The Mayor denied the existence of such an organisation (*SMH 14.12.38*).

In May 1937 there was an altercation involving the NSW Trotting Club which was asked by the Council "to remove all obstructions and encroachments erected by it upon Ross and Crescent Streets ...". Council passed a motion the following month authorising that steps be taken to enforce this request. It appears from the Council record that Mayor Foley himself demolished the Club's turnstiles and ticket boxes in Ross Street on a Saturday evening. Solicitors for the Trotting Club wrote to Council about the matter.

Several aldermen disassociated themselves from the Mayor's provocative action, one complaining that it had been announced on the wireless that the Dogs would be held that night, and asking why the Mayor chose that particular time to exercise his power. "*Because it suited me*" responded Foley. The alderman countered "It is the general consensus of opinion of the Public that you are temperamentally and mentally unfit to hold the position of Mayor". Foley demanded the remark be withdrawn, but the alderman refused because it was, he said "quite true" and, refusing to apologise, he eventually left the Chamber.<sup>4</sup>

This matter ended up in the Equity Court, where it was alleged that Foley had demanded monies from the Club in exchange for Council works. The

*SMH* (28.6.37) reported that the Chief Judge in Equity had condemned the Mayor's conduct and evidence, and said that "Alderman Foley had made corrupt admissions and had wilfully given false evidence".

More questions on notice to the Mayor were given in October that year suggesting that all was not "above board" with Council's administration. One alderman asked to be furnished with a copy of the recent report on Glebe Council made by the Local Government Examiner of Accounts. Mayor Foley simply refused to comply with this request.

Nevertheless in December 1937 the aldermen re-elected him as Mayor. He was congratulated by all, including the Town Clerk, and said to be "a gentleman of outstanding ability and character and [that] great credit was due to him for the manner in which he discharged his duties".

During 1938, his last year of office, another matter involving Foley had ended up in Court: a dismissed Council clerk had laid charges claiming that the Mayor had used the services of Council employees for his own personal benefit, as well as the Council car and petrol. In September the Town Clerk reported that the Mayor was "confined to his room through illness", and the aldermen sent him a get well letter. During this time he was often absent from Council meetings, though he was chosen as one of its representatives at the Local Government Conference that year.

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1 "The Labor Party in Inner Sydney", Max Solling, *Leichhardt Historical Journal* 22, 2002, pp3 ff

2 He was later an alderman on both the City (1945-50 and 1953-56) and Leichhardt (1968-71) Councils.

3 *Leichhardt: on the margins of the city*, Max Solling and Peter Reynolds, 1997. Ch 14, p186

4 The minutes of the meeting were confirmed and signed by Mayor Foley without alteration.

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The *SMH* (14.10.38) reported that the Mayor had been found guilty and fined £100 on each of the three charges. In his decision, the magistrate referred to evidence that men employed by Council as “grass cutters” were in fact working “days and weeks” on Foley’s election campaign. The Mayor’s requests for further extensions of leave of absence resulted in his not returning to Glebe Council and in March 1939 a special meeting was held to review the Council vacancy caused by his disqualification.

Dr Foley had been charged and convicted under Section 30 (3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1919* which states that a person is subjected to a special disqualification if he “by virtue of his office accepts or acquires any personal profit or advantage of pecuniary value ...”, and he was disqualified from holding any civic office for a period of seven years from the date of conviction.

This, however, did not constrain his fellow aldermen from speaking of “Honest John” Foley “in eulogistic terms”, and the December 1938 Council meeting which elected the next Mayor unanimously (and incredibly) carried a motion “that an appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by [Foley] to the Municipality of The Glebe both as Mayor and Alderman be placed on record, and a copy of the resolution forwarded to Alderman Dr. H.J. Foley under seal of the Council”.

Solling and Reynolds acknowledge that his “community involvement at a time of hardship, which included, among other things, giving free medical treatment to the poor, earned him local support and a territorial base for a career in local politics”.<sup>1</sup>

Other views of Dr Foley can be found in Labor and local newspapers of the time. In September 1938 the *Labor Daily* praised his “public spirited outlook” noting that:

“As a doctor he has been a friend to hundreds of people, but, like many other lovable and good natured men, who desire to assist their fellows, his

actions are sometimes not appreciated”.

In its valedictory message *The Glebe* (19.7.89) expressed sorrow at his death, and praised his “unrelenting service”, adding that he was “a fighter for the ordinary bloke who will be remembered for his untiring work commitment, understanding and benevolent attitude to those in need”. It credited him with being instrumental in the setting up of the Meals on Wheels service in Glebe, encouraging the building of parks, roads and facilities for the aged, and giving significant service to the Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital.

Long time Leichhardt Council aldermen Issy Wyner and Nick Origlass admitted that Foley had the support of the residents: “He always did the right thing by the little bloke”...<sup>2</sup>.

A Forsyth Street resident was quoted as saying:

“I don’t think he’ll ever be forgotten here, especially because of all the good he did during the Depression years” .

and a Glebe old timer told how the doctor treated patients free of charge, adding:

He always asked if they needed money and “slipped them a bob or two” if they needed it.<sup>3</sup>

I asked my Lombard Street neighbours, who had lived in Glebe for 40 years. what they thought of “Doc” Foley:

“He was a funny bloke, into everything – but that’s the sort of bloke you want around these parts. I wish we had him now. I tell you what, he done that many people good turns, you wouldn’t know. And then they turn around and want to roast him”.

After investigations into allegations about its administration, Glebe Council was dismissed in May 1939. Just seven years later Dr Foley was elected to the City of Sydney Council, where he served

during 1945-50 and 1953-56. He was an alderman on Leichhardt Council from 1968-71, when Glebe was transferred from the City.

Note: Much of this information is taken from Minute Books of The Glebe Municipal Council, 1934-1939; I have not followed up Dr Foley’s local government career in either the City or Leichhardt Councils (see Solling “The Labor Party in Inner Sydney” referred to above).

- **Bobbie Burke**

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1 Solling and Reynolds, op.cit

2 *The Glebe*, 12 July 1989, p6

3 *ibid*.

Still no dates yet for the Community Workshops on Foley Park, but we expect confirmation from the City Council *Real Soon Now*

- **Bobbie Burke**

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## Membership Matters

Three new people were appointed to chair sub-committees at the May Management Committee Meeting. They are:

Deborah Bray - Membership

Mark Dent - Bays and Foreshores

Chris Hallam - Transport and Traffic.

We thank the people they replace for their hard work in the past: Robyn Kemmis, Collin Hills and Steve Stewart respectively.

At the same meeting, the following people were accepted as new members. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

Nance Irvine OAM

Anna & Michael Hennessy

Con Pappas

**A gold coloured Membership Renewal Form is enclosed with this Bulletin for all members paid to June 2004. Please complete it and return it before 31 July.**

# From the terraces

## The case for Heritage funding

Heritage architect, Howard Tanner, writing in the most recent edition of the National Trust's *Reflections*, argues that lobbying for funding for heritage conservation is vital.<sup>1</sup>

He writes: "As we consider the state of our heritage in this, the Year of the Built Environment, it is clear that, as the number of listed buildings and the complexity of conservation requirements continue to increase, and given the vast responsibility involved in maintaining a building of state or national heritage significance, something must be done to share the responsibility and costs involved..."

The current levels of obligation on private heritage owners as implied by government need to be matched by a reasonable degree of tax relief or financial assistance. The current scenario is both unfair and unworldly and rarely debated..."

The Glebe Society's Heritage Subcommittee will be adding its support to any action the National Trust may take to achieve proper funding for the conservation of privately owned heritage properties.



## Zooming in in heritage

Items on the State Heritage Register can now be plotted via new mapping technology on the Heritage Office website. No specialised software is needed to view it at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au).

## State Heritage Icons Project: Nominate your favourite heritage icon

The State Government is calling for the community to nominate their favourite heritage places that are not yet listed on the State Heritage Register.

The Assistant Planning Minister, Diane Beamer, says the five-year old register of the State's top heritage items is an ongoing process. "There still remain landmark places which the community holds dearly but have not yet received the formal recognition of the State Heritage Register. These are the sorts of obvious gaps that we want to fill through this community project."

The Heritage Office will present a list of the most popular heritage icons to the Heritage Council later this year. The Council will then review the list and make its recommendations to the Minister.

The scope of the State Heritage Register is very broad. Items can include aboriginal and archaeological sites, natural and moveable items, or the built environment.

The nomination form can be downloaded. Go to [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au) and follow the prompts. You can also check what is already heritage listed on the same website.

**- Liz Simpson-Booker**

<sup>1</sup> National Trust Reflections, May - July 2004, page 6 and 7.

Front page of Bulletin No. 9 of 1971.

The caption reads "Lyndhurst House in happier times".

### THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN



**WAITING  
FOR  
THE  
MONSTER**

**"The Monster" was the proposed freeway, which would have resulted in the demolition of Lyndhurst.**

## Lyndhurst

Members of the Committee of Management and Heritage Subcommittee have been invited to inspect *Lyndhurst*. The house, which was built in 1836, is the current home of the Historic Houses Trust who will be vacating it shortly for new premises in the city. The object of the

inspection is so that we can familiarise ourselves with the building and its layout. Lyndhurst's sustainable re-use is of vital importance to Glebe and following the inspection, we will be in a better position to contribute to this debate.



Picture is courtesy of John's Brazilian academic colleague, Walter.

## Glebe Society Meeting in France

Three Glebe Society members, Dorothy and Bruce Davis and John Gray, had a chance meeting in a distant place recently.

The town is Troyes (pron. Twa) - a pretty town full of old churches and half-timber ("Tudor") houses about one-and-a-half hours' train ride south-east of Paris. It was once the centre of the French knitted clothing industry, which had its beginnings in the edict of a French king that orphanages should become self-supporting. The locals figured they might as well put the kids to work doing something useful like knitting socks, and so the "bonneterie" industry of Troyes was founded. In due course it became mechanised and there is an interesting museum that has knitting machines of all types, and one that seems to be a bra making machine. Eventually the

industry fell on hard times and the only evidence of it now, apart from the museum, is a string of "end of line" outlets located on the edge of the town that sell clothes made for the main fashion houses.

John is working with the local university as part of an international project to try to help Troyes adapt to its new circumstances. We met him as we walked into *centre ville* from the railway station looking for a breakfast croissant-and-coffee. John, dressed in shorts and thongs, spotted us across the street. We were somewhat astonished as, although we knew he was in France, we had somehow convinced ourselves that he was in Tours. We expect to catch up with him in Paris at some stage during his stay in France.

- Bruce Davis

## Quiz - Know Your Suburb

1. In what year was the Glebe Society founded?
2. Who was its first president?
3. Which famous colonial architect designed the Great Hall of the University of Sydney and St John's church, Bishopthorpe?
4. Whose record reign is commemorated by a plaque on the front wall of St John's church hall?
5. Which Australian Prime Minister was born in Glebe?
6. Who is the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney?

7. Who is the President of the Glebe Chamber of Commerce?
8. Which building in Bridge Road, previously a church is the subject of a controversial development application?
9. What is the name of the educational institution of which the old Glebe High School in Taylor Street is now a part?
10. Which Glebe building was previously the Homoeopathic Hospital?

- Ian Edwards

Answers on the website and in next month's *Bulletin*.

## Competition - Who Lived in Your Street?

John Gray might be in France, but his thoughts are in Glebe. Prompted by a recent discussion about a Cardinal who might have been born in our suburb, John has offered a bottle of champagne as the prize for a competition. The rules are:

- Tell us who lived in your street. They may be infamous, famous, colourful, alive or dead. But they must have lived in a street of Glebe or Forest Lodge (not necessarily your own street).
- You must have some corroboration such as a Website entry or a photocopy from a reference book.
- We will publish entries over the course of several Bulletins.
- Max Solling will choose the winner.

The prize will be awarded at the Glebe Society's 2004 Christmas Party.

- Ed the Ed

## KINRARA CROSSWORD No 1 SOLUTION

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8 Hereford	1 Mentions
9 Rorts	2 Dear
10 Star	3 Coffey
11 Frangipani	4 Ideally
12 Mother	5 Drug Bust
14 Laughter	6 Drop the art
15 Sesame	7 As once
17 Attains	13 Historical
20 Allowing	16 Main Line
22 'ostage	18 Nags Head
23 Pavillions	19 Aground
24 Ashe	21 Lean to
25 Train	22 On site
26 National	24 Avon

Readers are invited to send in crosswords, quizzes or puzzles with a Glebe theme.

- Ed the Ed



# GLEBE & THE ARTS

## Glebe Society Book Club

On Tuesday 29 June, the book reading group will visit Cynthia Jones, 152 Bridge Road, to talk about *The Lovely Bones*, by Alice Sebold.

*“Moving and compelling ... It will put an imperceptible but stealthily insistent hold on you. I sat down in the morning to read the first couple of pages; five hours later, I was still there, book in hand, transfixed”.* - Maggie O'Farrell, Sunday Telegraph (UK).

Please ring Cynthia, 9660 2451, to let her know that you are coming.

The book chosen for July is current best-seller *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown. We will discuss it at Edwina Doe's home, 224 Bridge Road on Tuesday 27 July.



## Glebe Art Show 2004

The Glebe Art Show is held every year at Benledi and Glebe Library and local residents are encouraged to contribute their artworks.

For the 2004 competition, artists, including those from areas recently included in the expanded City of Sydney Council area, are encouraged to submit their works at the Glebe Library by Wednesday 30 June.

The official opening will be held on Friday 2 July 2004 and the artworks will be on show until Sunday 11 July.

This important yearly event is sponsored by the Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library. Further information is available from Glebe Library or on 9660 8036.

- Cynthia Jones

## Focus on the 2004 Glebe Music Festival (7 to 18 November)

Hear *urban eXcentrics* at 7.30pm Friday 19 November 2004 at the historic Old Glebe Court House, corner of St Johns Road and Talfourd Street, Glebe. Take the opportunity to “chill out” to the sounds of this mini-orchestra - Ann Palumbo (double bass, guitar, mandolin, foot tambourine and vocals), Larry Hoofs (guitarist and occasional vocalist) and Paul Laszlo (double bass and banjo). *urban eXcentrics* uses bowed bass lines, jazzy guitar chords, traditional instruments and contemporary arrangements to produce an acoustic kaleidoscope.



Already well known at several music festivals and from interstate tours, here is an unusual opportunity to enjoy their music in the historic space of Glebe's Old Court House. Tickets \$10, concessions \$5. Buy one or more *urban eXcentrics* tickets and get one or more at half price. A Booking Form for the whole Glebe Music Festival will be distributed in a later *Bulletin*. Also see [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com).



- David Macintosh

## Laughter Club

You may have seen items on television about Laughter Clubs. Now we have one in Glebe.

As reported in *The Glebe*, 20 May, Laughter Classes have been held in Bicentennial Park every Tuesday afternoon from 4.30pm for the past few weeks.

Details are on the web at [www.laughterclubsnsw.com](http://www.laughterclubsnsw.com).



## GLEBE NIGHT

1st Tuesday of every month

Exciting new things are happening in the bohemian inner city suburb of Glebe. The first Tuesday of every month is *Glebe Night*. Glebe is one of Sydney's older villages that has a mixed cross-section of people who live, work and thrive in a community that is somewhat different from the mainstream of Sydney. Having people from all walks of life gives us the opportunity to get together and show the rest of Sydney what we are made of. Glebe businesses have decided to get down and have a little fun mid-week with all sorts of eclectic events organised for the night including gallery openings, food and clothing discounts, choir recitals, information nights, Hatha Yoga, Tai Chi, music on the streets, art in unsuspected places, poetry readings and lots of other fun-filled activities. This event is special to not only Glebe residents but to the other inner city movers, groovers and shakers – so come check it out.

*Glebe Night* has gone one step further and incorporated art in some of the disused shops on Glebe Point Road and has also started gathering up some of the art in cafes and restaurants and compiling a list of local art and where it is situated.

There are different attractions each month. The GIG Gallery at 70 Glebe Point Road will have a list of events, or ring the Glebe Chamber of Commerce on 9552 1546, or check [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

- From the Glebe Chamber of Commerce Press Release

# News and Notes

## Thirsty Thursdays - Change of Venue

Usually, 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.

However the dinner planned for Thursday 3 June has been cancelled. We will all be going to the Abbey meeting instead - see page 1.

The next "Thirsty Thursday" dinner is on 1 July at **The Nag's Head**, in St Johns Road. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals (from \$10) and there is no BYOG.

All suggestions for venues are welcome.

## Coats of arms

The State *Arms, Symbols and Emblems Act 2004* aims to replace Royal Arms on government buildings with the State arms, reflecting the sovereignty of the government of NSW. This State is the first jurisdiction in Australia to give precedence to its official symbols and emblems in this way.

The Act contains provisions for the Heritage Council to advise the Premier on the removal of Royal Arms, and the installation of State Arms, in public buildings that are of heritage significance. The Heritage Council can also advise the Premier on the conservation, storage and interpretation of removed Royal Arms.

**Comment:** This issue has local implications. For example, the heritage listed Courthouse (1889) at 67 St Johns Road (cnr Talfourd Street) carries a Royal Arms. The application of the Royal Arms to this James Barnet designed building seems to be inextricably linked with the aesthetic of its overall Victorian Italianate design. Your scribe (despite republican sentiments) would be loath to see the Royal Arms removed from this building. Other members may have different views. Let us know by mail to Glebe Society, PO Box 100, Glebe 2037 or to [secretary@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:secretary@glebesociety.org.au).

- Liz Simpson-Booker

## A British Empire First: the Sydney Railway

Talk by John Hagarty. Cost includes refreshments before the talk.

Date : Wednesday 23 June 2004 at 5.30 for 6 pm

Venue : History House, 131 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Cost : \$6.50 for members and others

Bookings : Call RAHS at 9247 8001 or email [history@rahs.org.au](mailto:history@rahs.org.au)

## Darlinghurst Gaol & National Art School

Deborah Beck, a member of the Marrickville Heritage Society, is writing a book on the history of Darlinghurst Gaol and the National Art School.

She was a lecturer at the National Art School and has been collecting photographs of the Gaol complex and art school for the last three years.

To complete the book she is interested in contacting anybody who went to the art school (East Sydney Technical College) prior to the 1960s.

You can contact Deborah on 9519 3793.

## Basketball player Sami needs Glebe's help

Teenager Sami Tsegay, who lives on the Glebe Estate, has been selected for the Under 18 Men's NSW team to compete in the Championship competition in Townsville this year. The cost for Sami to compete is \$1,300. Sami has also been selected for an Australian team to play 24 games in front of NBA and NCCA (College) Scouts. The full cost for him to attend this is \$5,200.

The Glebe Area Tenants Group is asking for financial donations of support for Sami in the local community. Phone Rev Dianne Coleman, Glebe Community Estate Church, on 9692 8377 for further details.

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Home of The Glebe Society Archives

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# For your diary ...

**Wednesday 2 June, 7pm** - Glebe Point Residents Group meeting, Benledi.

**Thursday 3 June, 4.30pm** - Site inspection at The Abbey . See page 1.

**Thursday 3 June, 6.30pm** - Public meeting about The Abbey - Community Room, Benledi. **ALL WELCOME.**

**Wednesday 9 June, 7.30pm** - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel. All members welcome

**Tuesday 29 June, 7.30pm** - Glebe Society Book Club (*The Lovely Bones*)- 152 Bridge Road.

**Tuesday 27 July, 7.30pm** - Glebe Society Book Club (*The Da Vinci Code*) - 224 Bridge Road.

**Wednesday 30 June, 7pm** - Eastern Precinct Residents' Group - Old Fire Station, 113 Mitchell Street.

**Wednesday 30 June** - Glebe Art Show - Closing day for Contributions

**Thursday 1 July, 7pm** - "Thirsty Thursday" Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road

**7 - 28 November** - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Glebe Music Festival

## Contacting The Glebe Society

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### Website

The Society 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 use the site. Send contributions or comments to [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### The Bulletin

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. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### Disclaimer

Views expressed in this *Bulletin* are not necessarily those of The Glebe Society Inc.

### Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the Bulletin will be published in June. The deadline for contributions is **Saturday 19 June.**

## The Glebe Society Inc Established 1969

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Write to PO Box 100, Glebe, 2037 or phone the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker, on 9518 6186.

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

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