



# Glebe Society Bulletin

7/2004 August/September

## 35th Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Inc

### Notice of meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Incorporated will be held at 11 am on Sunday 19th September 2004 at Benledi (next to Glebe Library) 186 Glebe Point Road. The agenda for the meeting is published on page 4 of this Bulletin.

### Nominations for Committee

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM, and a nomination form is enclosed with this Bulletin. Members are encouraged to consider the benefits of active participation in the Society. Nominations close on Friday 3 September 2004.

### Invitation

All members of the Society are invited to the AGM, and **financial members** are entitled to vote.

### Awards

A special resolution will be put to the AGM. This motion emanates from the Glebe Society's Awards Subcommittee which recommends that Ted McKeown be awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Glebe Society.

The Awards Subcommittee also recommends that Alison McKeown be awarded the Glebe Society Commendation.

### Guest speaker

We are delighted that **Dr John Hood** has accepted our invitation to speak to members, following the conclusion of the formal meeting agenda. John is a member, a former anaesthetist at the Homoeopathic Hospital in Glebe and has researched the history of Madame Kirsova, who endowed children's playgrounds in Glebe and other underprivileged suburbs in the 1940s.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of John Hood's talk.

## Two Major Development Proposals Threaten Glebe



The proposed Slipway building would be the size of the white area. Photo: Bob Armstrong

On Thursday 5 August, over 150 local residents filled the upstairs meeting room in the Glebe Town Hall to discuss two major proposals for developments in Rozelle Bay. One is for the proposed Sydney Slipways boat repair and maintenance facility, which apart from other adverse effects would mar the view of the Anzac Bridge. The other is a facility for dry storage of 850 vessels on the northern side of Rozelle Bay proposed to be built where the existing tall grey coloured Hobbs shed stands.

As these proposals would be on land within the Leichhardt Council area, the Mayor of Leichhardt, Alice Murphy, and two of her Councillors were there. Two City of Sydney Councillors, Robyn Kemmis & Verity Firth, also attended, as the developments would affect their residents just across a narrow bay, in Glebe.

Some good news was given to the Meeting by Jane Spring, President of the University of Sydney Women's Rowing Club. This was the decision of the Minister for Transport, Michael Costa, to scrap the Bank Street powerboat ramp under the Anzac Bridge in Blackwattle Bay (Herald, 6 August, page 5).

However, the Sydney Harbour Draft Regional Environmental Plan still permits boat ramps, as well as commercial marinas, to be developed in Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

These developments, as well as the proposed boat repair facility, would make all types of navigation in the narrow Bays more

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hazardous, especially near the bottleneck entry of the old Glebe Island Bridge.

Such developments are especially dangerous for the two rowing clubs and numerous dragon boats that train on the Bays. These hand propelled craft are easily flooded or capsized by the wake of motorised vessels as well as being easily hit, for rowers and canoeists sit much lower in the water and are often not seen until it's too late.

For these reasons and many more, the packed public meeting called on the State Government to remove the W1 Maritime Waters Zoning from both Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays. This would result in developments such as ramps and marinas not being permitted, as they are incompatible with the safety of the current users.

In addition, the public meeting requested the scaling down and redesign of the boat repair facility because of its impact on that Sydney icon, the Anzac Bridge.

These motions were carried unanimously and forwarded to Mr Craig Knowles, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, to require all proposals to be assessed by the Local Councils, to ensure the community is properly informed, consulted and considered in relation to development proposals for the Bays. The Councils, who are accustomed to consulting with residents, are in a far better position to make a decision, rather than a decision being made by the Sydney Harbour and Foreshore Authority (SHFA), which is too closely identified with exploiting the waterfront for commercial gain.

By entrusting assessment to Local Councils the rights of existing users of the Bays and nearby residents will be better protected and the use of Sydney Harbour shared more fairly.

- Neil Macindoe and Mark Dent

## The Glebe Society Glebe Point Residents Group Save Rozelle Bay Association

Final motion of the Public Meeting, held at the Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe, NSW, on Thursday 5 August 2004 (passed unanimously).

This meeting of residents of Glebe, Annandale, Balmain, Ultimo, Pyrmont and White Bay calls on the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources to require the modification of the proposed Development Application by Sydney Slipways for a boat lift and repair operation in Rozelle Bay so that it will operate within normal business hours only, and so that no building on the site, by reason of its position, scale, form or height, will impair the view of and through the Anzac Bridge, or visually impact on the Bridge or preclude unrestricted public access to the immediate foreshore area.

This meeting declares the pre-Development Application notification and consultation with respect to this proposal to be totally inadequate and unacceptable. In order to ensure both pre-and post-DA notification and consultation is adequate, this meeting requests the Minister to remove the assessment process from Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority in its entirety and invest it in the local government authority within whose boundaries it lies, in this case Leichhardt Council. In addition we request that this be done with respect to all subsequent DAs for Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Furthermore, this meeting notes, the Draft Sydney Harbour Foreshore Regional Environmental Plan and Draft Development Control Plan include Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays in Zone W1, which permits development of commercial marinas and powerboat ramps. This zoning is totally at odds with the current recreational, commercial and industrial uses of the Bays and is completely unacceptable to residents.

Therefore this meeting insists Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays be removed from the W1 Zoning, and the draft planning instruments be amended so that development of marinas and powerboat ramps in the Bays is specifically prohibited in both the REP and DCP, and that any future development in the Bays be required to be assessed by the appropriate local government authority.

Please contact Mark Dent on 9566 2555 or [mark@newwave.net.au](mailto:mark@newwave.net.au) if you really want to work at helping us *save our bays*

### Dragon Boats Destroyed

The groups represented at our meeting on 5 August included Dragon Boats NSW. Soon after the meeting, we were shocked to hear that their fleet of 18 Dragon Boats, stored in the grounds of the Sydney Secondary College at Blackwattle Bay, was destroyed by fire.

The Glebe Society sends its commiserations and best wishes to the Dragon Boat teams.

### The Slipway is a Health Hazard

While my GP was testing my blood pressure, she asked me what the Glebe Society was doing. When I started to describe the proposed slipway, she told me 'your blood pressure is going up while I watch - we can't use that reading'.

- Edwina Doe

Following a visit by Gemma Cooney of the Department of Housing to a Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting in June, her colleague, Ally de Pree-Raghavan, sent us this report of the many activities the Department of Housing is co-ordinating in Glebe.

## The Old Fire Station

A hub for the community, among a number of exciting community initiatives.....



The Old Fire Station, Mitchell Street.  
Photo: Will Hayman

The year of 2004 has seen the continued work of Department of Housing occurring alongside residents and agencies in Glebe to further develop the local community. The appointment in February of a Community Development Officer has enabled the establishment of strong partnerships with local organisations including the Glebe Society, Families First, Glebe PCYC, the Glebe Estate Community Church, Sydney University and staff from the City of Sydney Council.

While supporting the Glebe Estate Community Action Plan at a grass-roots level, this appointment has enabled a number of initiatives to 'get off the ground' including the development of a 'hub' for the community; the Old Fire Station People's Hall in Mitchell Street.

The Mitchell Street Hall was identified as a meeting place for community activities, with the Department significantly upgrading the hall to provide local community groups with facilities including a fully equipped kitchen and servery, computer desks and equipment and an upgraded courtyard. A growing number of groups and initiatives are taking full advantage of the great facility including:

\* Middle Aged Dames (MAD) which was formed in February 2004, in response to a local woman who identified the need for a friendship and activities group for middle aged women living on the Glebe Estate. This group recently applied for a City of Sydney Council Local Community Grant to undertake a Furniture Recycling Workshop & Old Fire Station Courtyard Project. This group meets at the hall from 10.00am to 12.00 midday every Tuesday.

\* The 'Have a Chat' Café & Community Centre, which successfully opened on 29 July, and is staffed by local volunteers serving hot coffees with a smile and of course a chat! This initiative is auspiced by the Glebe Estate Community Church in partnership with the Dept of Housing. The 'Have a Chat' Café & Community Centre, through the use of local volunteers will be a gathering place offering a limited range of low cost beverages and cakes. The cafe does not seek to replicate the cafe culture of Glebe which offers a full range of beverages and refreshments. The Cafe will focus on Glebe Estate residents and will be a base for a range of community initiatives. It will be a community centre with a cafe at its core value and service. Its open hours are Thursday and Friday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

\* Glebe Estate Bingo. For over 12 years, Mrs Marian Stanwell and local group members have run a very happy and successful Bingo meeting every Wednesday with food prizes at the hall. In February 2004, the Department started working with these wonderful local residents to ensure that Bingo meetings could continue with support from the local housing team.

\* In 2003, the Department established an Aboriginal Elders Meeting Place in a refurbished terrace house at 113 Mitchell Street, Glebe. The Department is working with the Inner West Aboriginal Community Company Ltd and local Indigenous tenants to establish the meeting place as a base for cultural and community activities. IWACC has recently received a grant from the Aboriginal Housing Office to start the Billabunga Project, to provide an Aboriginal Elders gathering and art group on a fortnightly basis.

In addition to the variety of initiatives that are based at this new community Hall, the Department of Housing continues to work with tenants on a range of community issues including the Glebe & Balmain Neighbourhood Tenant Forum. This Forum brings together tenants and relevant government and community representatives to improve the quality of life for people living on the Glebe Estate and in Balmain. Neighbourhood tenant representatives have been elected by tenants to represent them and assist in raising issues with the Department. The Forum members have also initiated community activities including local newsletters, competitions, fund raising and tenant involvement in other working groups. Tenant representatives meet with the Department of Housing four times a year and all tenants are welcome to attend meetings.

Also working on issues of importance to the community is the Glebe Area Tenants Group (GATG). This group, which meets on the last Monday of every month at the Old Fire Station People's Hall, helps local people stay informed about public housing issues and develops social and recreational activities for the benefit of the group.

Representatives of Families First, Glebe Society, Glebe PCYC and City of Sydney Council have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss improving access to sport for children on the Glebe Estate.

Initiatives previously undertaken by

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local partnerships include the On the Move Program which is run at the Glebe PCYC and provides after school activities for 11-13 year old children. The Centipede After Care Program has also started a Girls Space Program for local girls and the Glebe PCYC has started a lunchtime Touch Footy skills clinic at Glebe Public School. They are also thinking about a basketball clinic.

Earlier this year, the Department of Housing and the University of Sydney (School of Social Work and Policy Studies) entered into an exciting new partnership that aims to work with the diverse range of stakeholders in Glebe to increase community capacity. Now into its sixth month, the key areas in which the Glebe Community Development Project has focused on are;

- \* Strengthening links between local schools and community services,
- \* supporting residents of the Glebe Estate to plan for the establishment of a local IT facility at the Old Fire Station People's Hall,
- \* working with the early literacy group to establish the Glebe Book Exchange,
- \* commencing work on developing a spatial social profile of Glebe, and
- \* Working with others to establish a local group that increases coordination across Glebe and Forest Lodge.

The Glebe Community Development Project is currently located at the University. However they hope to establish an office in Glebe in the near future. For further information please phone **Ally de Pree-Raghavan on 9036 5371**.

A Scrabble Session at The Old Fire Station, Mitchell Street.

Photo: Will Hayman

The Glebe Society Incorporated  
35th Annual General Meeting  
to be held at Benledi, (next door to Glebe Library) at  
186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe  
on Sunday 19 September 2003 at 11 am

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting held on 24th August 2003
4. President's report
5. Subcommittee reports  
Reports are published in this *Glebe Society Bulletin*. However Chairmen and Convenors will be present to provide updates and/or answer questions.
6. Treasurer's report  
Motion: That the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2004, the TGSI Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2004 be received.
7. Election of Officers
8. Awards  
Motion<sup>1</sup>: That Ted McKeown be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Glebe Society in recognition of his:
  - sustained service to the Society over a significant period; and
  - provision of substantial, conspicuous and strategic leadership of the Society.The Awards Subcommittee also recommends that Alison McKeown be awarded the Glebe Society Commendation in recognition of her sustained service to the Society over an extended period.

Close of meeting.

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Dr John Hood will speak at the conclusion of formal proceedings. Light refreshments will follow.

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1 Special resolution as required under the Glebe Society Rules, paragraphs 6.6 and 35(a).



# From the terraces

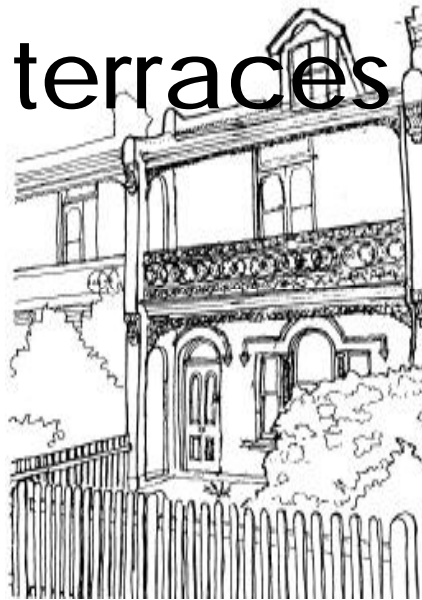
Have you ever wandered along Mansfield Street and wondered who...?

George Allen Mansfield (1834-1908) was one of the founders of and first President of the Institute of Architects of New South Wales. He was the first native-born Australian to be elected a fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Mansfield as an architect embraced the Victorian Gothic, Mannerist and Free Classical styles.

In Glebe, we can see his work in:

- \* Alterations and additions (c1880) to *Toxteth House* (1831, architect John Verge). Whilst some might regret the fact that this turned a two-storey restrained Regency villa into a three-storey building, complete with tower, in the Italianate manner, the latter was a style beloved by Victorians.
- \* *Toxteth Lodge* (late 1870s)
- \* Many cottages in Glebe, due to his association with the Allen family, including *Emslee* (c1857) (27 Mansfield Street)

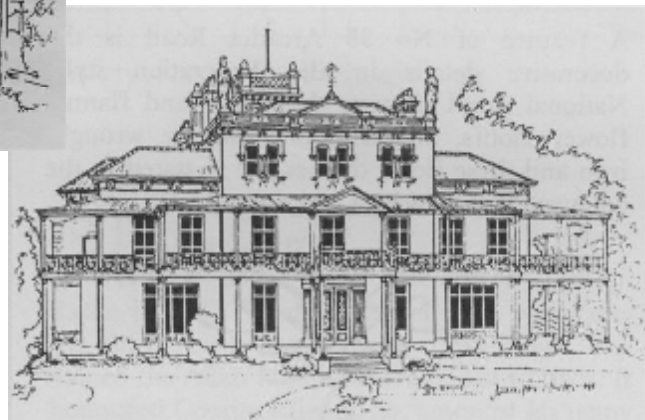


Nearby, his work can be seen at :

- \* Marrickville, Newtown and Petersham Public Schools (Mansfield designed over 100 schools between 1867 and 1879, as NSW Council of Education Architect)
- \* House for George Oakes at 133 Macquarie Street (1871)(now *History House*)
- \* Commercial Bank of Sydney (1876-78), 744 George Street (now *Haymarket Library*)
- \* Central Pavilion (1882), Royal Prince Alfred Hospital



Toxteth Park - John Verge's 1831 Regency original. From St Scholastica's leaflet about the building



Toxteth Park - with Mansfield's Italianate additions. Drawing by Jennifer Porter

\* *Macleay Museum* (1884), University of Sydney

\* *City Bank of NSW* (1892-3), 166 Pitt Street, Sydney (now *Skygarden*)

The march of progress has removed Mansfield's original Glebe Public School (demolished), the AMP Building at 87 Pitt Street (now Australia Square) and the Australia Hotel (63 Castlereagh Street)(now the MLC building).

- Elizabeth Simpson-Booker

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George Allen Mansfield (1824-1908)  
Photo: Morton Herman

## Who Lived in Your Street?

### Edna Ryan (1904-1997) Political Activist and Famous Fighter for the Rights of Women

Along Cook Street, joining Glebe Point Road and Blackwattle Bay, old and new dwellings sit side by side: terrace houses, a large stone dwelling and a number of older and newer blocks of flats. For the ten years from 1980 to 1990 Edna Ryan lived in one of the older blocks of units. In 1984, hundreds of people filled the Glebe Town Hall to celebrate her 80th birthday.

This remarkable woman was born in Pymont, the tenth of twelve children. Although she won a bursary to attend Fort Street High School, there was no way the family could have afforded to send her to university. In fact she left school after four years when her mother became ill. Yet, towards the end of her life, she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Sydney (1985) and honorary Doctorate of Letters from Macquarie University (1995).

Edna Ryan worked tirelessly in causes related to the rights and wellbeing of women from an early age. She participated in the first International Women's Day in 1928. She organised the wives of timber workers in the 1929 strike. She was the first female deputy mayor in NSW in 1958 and the first woman president of the largest branch of the Municipal Employees' Union in the 1960s.



Photo from The University of Sydney News, Vol 17, No 12 (21 May 1985) provided by The University of Sydney Archives. Edna Ryan is second from the left.

Edna Ryan's long involvement in the struggle for equal pay culminated in what many regard as her standout achievement, namely the submission she made to the Arbitration Commission in 1974 which led to low paid women workers being paid the same minimum wage as men. Her book written with Anne Conlon called *'The Gentle Invaders'* was published in 1975 and deals with the struggle of women for decent working conditions. Later she wrote *'Two Thirds of a Man'* (1984) which focuses on the discrimination women suffered in the laundry, retail and tobacco industries.

In a moving address 'Comments for Edna Ryan's Funeral', Susan Ryan (no relation), former Minister for Education in the Hawke Government and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the status of women said in part:

'Edna Ryan was the most inspiring and admirable woman I have known. Her life was full of remarkable ironies ... how remarkable that a woman, one of a large poor family, prevented from pursuing formal education, should be publicly recognized as one of the clearest thinkers about our industrial relations system ...'

**- Daphne Degotardi, (Cook Street**

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Footnote: Edna's daughter, Julia, says that the family is planning a celebration for Edna's centenary on 15 December, probably in Pymont.

### Michael Golden, 'Architect'

When he died in 1872 Michael Golden was a landholder of substance. He owned much of Leichhardt Street at Glebe Point, *Sidcup*, a seven bedroom mansion with a library and dining, smoking, breakfast and ironing rooms, stable and coach house on the corner of Cook Street and Glebe Point Road (now units) and eight houses in Duncan Street (now gone) off Bathurst Street.

An assisted immigrant, Michael Golding landed in Sydney in January 1840 on board the *Crusader* from Dublin, accompanied by his parents, his wife Catherine and their three year old son Thomas. Michael was Roman Catholic, a carpenter and joiner. Within a few years he had modified his surname and his trade: by 1850 he was an 'architect'. (Before the Institute of Architects was founded in 1971 speculative builders could arm themselves with J Fergusson's *Illustrated Handbook of Architecture* and a couple of other textbooks and upgrade their status.)

The couple's first home was in George Street, where their second child Maria, conceived on the voyage out, was born. By 1853 the family included James, Jane, Sarah and Mary Jane. In 1844 Thomas won a prize for grammar at Mr Steel's Superior Infant Training School in Pitt Street. By 1842 Michael was on the electoral roll and by 1847 he had become sufficiently friendly with Thomas Barker (a miller and one of the richest men in Sydney; Michael bought part of Barker's original land grant in Bathurst Street) and Donald Larnach (a director of the Bank of NSW, he moved to London in 1853 to set up a branch there) for them to act as sureties in his bid to become the City of Sydney's first surveyor of buildings. In support of his application Michael offered, in lieu of qualifications or experience, acquaintance with some of the councillors. He got the job and remained with the

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council until his position was abolished in 1858. It was during this period that Michael made his money, perhaps not always honestly.

It was said he did business on the side, including work on St Mary's presbytery and chapel. John Davey, an architect who claimed the profession was degraded by 'mechanics, engineers, pirates and burglars', knew of a King Street property owner who had been told to demolish walls encroaching on the footpath but heard nothing more from Golden after enclosing five pounds in a letter of apology.

The City's Finance Committee had problems with his sloppy bookkeeping, particularly fees paid but not accounted for. Golden maintained he was constantly out on the streets, beneath the burning sun, enforcing the Building Acts, collecting fees, giving receipts, serving notices, keeping an eye on drains and rock blasting, valuing additions and alterations. He had no time for paperwork and couldn't be expected to compile weekly reports. Orders to employ a clerk were ignored. He did find time, however, to ask for a rise and to complain about his label 'Town Surveyor of Buildings'. He always signed his correspondence 'Surveyor of the City of Sydney' although Francis Clarke was the official 'City Surveyor'.

No doubt he had problems dealing with property owners who, avoiding fees, tried to hide any changes that they had made. Sometimes replaced fences strayed from their original positions. Samuel Holmes resisted directions to erect an iron roof, maintaining his shingles were of American oak, less flammable and superior to colonial wood. Golden said they were old flour casks cut in half.

In 1859 Michael was living in Woolloomooloo with a house and land at Glebe Point. During the next decade he acquired other houses in an area still fashionable despite the opening of the Glebe Island abattoir with its attendant smells, carcasses and manure washed ashore, and



circling sharks feeding on offal in the bloodstained water. In 1860 he enrolled in the Volunteer Defence Movement - nicknamed the 'Buffaloes' after an encounter with the Governor's bull in the Domain. For this he received further property: a grant of 50 acres at Glen Innes. 'One of the oldest volunteers in the colony' read his death notice, which also stated that he enrolled during the Crimean War, a flight of fancy as those battles were over by 1856.

What happened to Michael's property after his death was complicated by his will which left everything to his elder son and any male heirs. In the event of his death without male issue, it was to go to the next son and his male heirs. For a time the unmarried Thomas, also styled an 'architect', and his widowed mother lived in *Margaretta Cottage*, Leichhardt Street, before he moved to Duncan Street in the city and she was pensioned off on a pound a week by family members. Thomas himself died in 1879. Michael's wealth then passed to James, a 'gentleman' who lived in *Dellwood* (an eight-roomed stone cottage with servants' quarters and

stables - now a red brick block of units at 10 Leichhardt Street) with his wife and daughters 'actress' Lucie Eugenie and Florence.

The Golden estate was finally broken up with James' death in 1907. His sisters and their spouses auctioned the land, subdivided into 22 allotments, together with *Dellwood* and *Sidcup*. The houses did not sell on that occasion but the land did, several lots being bought by real estate agent Joseph Simpson, then living in *Venetia* [*Bellevue*] on the waterfront.

Michael Golden is not commemorated in any local place name, but a son-in-law is. Mary Jane married Horace Ricketts, hence Ricketts Avenue off Leichhardt Street.

- Lyn Collingwood , Leichhardt Street

#### Who Lived in Your Street?

This competition is open until Bulletin 10/2004, at the end of November. See Bulletin 4/2004 for details, or contact the Editor.



## The 15th Annual Glebe Music Festival, 7 to 28 November 2004 - Volunteers Needed

We need half a dozen or so Glebe Society volunteers to serve afternoon tea at the Great Hall on Sunday afternoon 7 November at around 3.15pm. They will get a free ticket to the Star Ensembles of the Future concert, which starts at 2.30pm.

Volunteers can either email me on [edgmc@aol.com](mailto:edgmc@aol.com) or phone Ted McIntosh on 9746-7738.

- David McIntosh

The full program for the Festival is on [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com). A leaflet was also included in last month's *Bulletin*.

### Know any Entertainers?

I have had a request from Jodie Hitchcock, Events Manager, City of Sydney. She has responsibility for organising Xmas in Glebe and Santa's arrival. She is seeking information about the existence of local bands, musical groups and other entertainment for the night in December. As this is a community event we should be proactive and make it a worthwhile event.

If anyone has any information re **local** groups could they please pass it on to me.

- Jan Wilson, Glebe Point Road  
Revitalisation Project

### Vale Ted McKiernan, Architect

We have just learned that Ted McKiernan, a Glebe Society member since 1970, passed away on 10 March 2004 after a long battle with cancer. We extend our sympathy and best wishes to Patti.



### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am not sure whether any 'other member' was present at the opening by the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, of the Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple Centenary celebrations on Saturday 7 August. The President of the Association said that his committee was well aware of the cultural heritage of the land they owned in Glebe and wanted to make this facility open to other groups, not just the Chinese community.

Most of us were not aware of this celebration and missed much of the priceless culture on show. This underscored to me that we do not have efficient links with the Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple. Had we had such links, I am sure that there would have been much more publicity in the Glebe Society *Bulletin*, our Website and elsewhere so that we all could have benefited so much more by this once in a lifetime celebration. A program outlining the activities, considering that the operas were all performed in Cantonese/Chinese, would have been enormously helpful.

Notwithstanding this lost opportunity, should we not foster links with the Sze Yup Kwan Ti Temple community for future collaboration and activities?

Sincerely,  
Tony Larkum

### 'Friends of Benledi' and Glebe Library

invite you to their September meeting.

### A History Week Event Organised by the City of Sydney Library Service and Sponsored by Gleebooks

To be held in Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road, on Monday, 13 September at 7.30p.m.

### Childhood Links: Growing up in Sydney as a 'socially mobile' baby boomer!

**Guest Speaker: Moya Sayer-Jones**  
Comic writer and modern guru, Moya Sayer-Jones, will revisit her childhood in 1960s **working class Glebe**. (muzzled greyhounds, Capstan filters, SP bookies, kids running riot and not a café latte in sight!)

She will also be sharing her reminiscences of life as a teenager in the southern suburbs and her days at the inimitable St George Girls' High (the year after the Glebe Branch Librarian was there).

This talk is sure to be fast, funny and full of nostalgia - a true link in time. *Gleebooks* will be here to **sell** Moya's latest book '*Love RATS*' due to be released in early September. Her first book '*Little Sister*,' which begins with her life in Glebe, is currently out of print, but can be borrowed from the Library.

Cost \$7 (\$5 for members of the 'Friends' and Gleebooks!). RSVP to the Library on 9518 6055 or email: [mwhittaker@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mwhittaker@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au). All welcome!



Photo: Andrew Craig



## Tranby Festival - 'Writing, the art, the politics'

Friends of Tranby and the College will be holding a festival during the first three weekends in September. All events other than the Opening on Friday 17 September will have free entry, however buckets will be carried around to collect donations. Tickets to the opening on the 17th will be \$30.00.

The Tranby Festival is aimed at re-engaging the local Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities with Tranby. It is aimed at allowing everyone to see and in some way experience the life of a student at Tranby. It is also about promoting the College and its pivotal role in human rights and the empowerment of Indigenous people. Finally it is about raising money to ensure this great Indigenous institution remains viable and independent.

To achieve these outcomes the festival will have a host of activities for the first three weekends in September. The activities will focus on Education, Literature, and the Arts, with an expected central theme focussing on the politics of Indigenous life in Australia. To draw out this central theme Indigenous writers and artists will be at the college discussing their works and what it means to be an Aboriginal person. Non-Indigenous presenters will be discussing their impressions of the Indigenous struggle and how this has impacted on them.

As part of the festival Tranby is seeking to have a wide cross-section of art works displayed and would therefore be keen to hear from anyone that would like to display their art work (possibly for sale) during the weekend 17-19 September.

Artists will need to contact me by the 27th August. Young people are particularly encouraged to participate.

**- Paul Knight for Friends of Tranby**

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11-19 September 2004  
will be a busy week...

## History Week - *Links in Time*

The History Week 2004 Calendar of Events is now available. Check with your local library or historical society for a copy, or contact the History Council of NSW. The History Week Calendar of Events will also be available online from the start of September.

**- Lisa Murray, Research Historian**  
[lamurray@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lamurray@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)  
[www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/history](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/history)

## Glebe Week

To coincide with History Week and to celebrate Glebe's obvious distinct diversity, the Glebe Chamber of Commerce is again staging **Glebe Week**, with a mixture of events to bring people together and to our neighbourhood – a 'what's happening' in our community. Events include:

- \* Sunday 12 September - Blessing of the Pets at the Glebe Community Church
- \* Sunday 12 September, 11am-3pm - Open Day at Glebe Town Hall
- \* Sunday 12 September, 2pm-3pm, - Talk by Max Solling at Glebe Town Hall
- \* Sunday 19 September, 11am-2pm - Open Day at the Artists Studio (situated behind Glebe Library)

And look out for the Pub Crawl. A local pub expert will host an interesting visit to Glebe's eleven surviving pubs.

So if you are new to town, live in the next suburb, are visiting, working, playing, an old timer or none of the above find out what's happening in this neck of the woods! If you need more info call the Glebe Chamber of Commerce on 9552 1546.

### More Max

We will have another opportunity soon to hear a talk by Max Solling. His talk 'The Business of Building Glebe', organised by The Glebe Society, is on Wednesday 20 October.



## Email Letters

Dear Bobbie Burke

I was a little surprised to read on page 8 of Bulletin 6/2004 that it is contemplated that the wireless station may be removed.

I do not know, but suspect that these wireless stations may be now very rare in Sydney. Has Glebe got the only one?

It is an interesting part of our history and if at all possible should be kept, preferably in a form which shows how it was used.

Otherwise the summary of possibilities for the park was comprehensive and showed thought.

Regards

**Tony Strachan**

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Dear Tony Strachan

Removal of the Wireless House was one option put up for consideration. I certainly think it should stay ... all who agree will have a chance to say so when the draft Plan of Management goes up for comment!

Regards

**Bobbie Burke**

## Welcome to new members

The following people were accepted at the July and August Management Committee meetings. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

Leonie Blair

M(ar)ia Campioni

Bertrand de Tarle

Peter & Vesna James

Linda & Bill Mellor (rejoining)

Ian Meggitt

Anne Stevens

# News and Notes

## 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 on 2 September at The Nag's Head, in St Johns Road. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

We will also meet at The Nag's Head on Thursday 7 October.

## Change of venue

Glebe Society Management Committee meetings for the remainder of 2004 will be held at the Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street

## New street trees

Council has recently planted a large number of new street trees in Glebe. Some of these trees have obviously not been able to tolerate the friendly, village atmosphere of their new home and have turned up their toes.

If a sapling near you has died, please call Jenny Underwood at Glebe Town Hall on 9298 3191 so that she can organise for it to be replaced.

## National Engineering Week, 29 Aug – 4 Sept

Engineers Australia is organising several events, including:

- \* Sydney Harbour Bridge Heritage Walk
- \* Sydney Railway Heritage Walk
- \* Sydney Harbour Cruise - The History and Heritage of East Port Jackson

For more details of these events and for booking, contact Megan Fitzgerald at Engineers Australia, 8923 7118.

## In Convict Footsteps

The Historic Houses Trust has a current exhibition at Hyde Park Barracks called *Convicts: Life at the Barracks*.

In association with the exhibition, the Trust is running a walking tour called *In Convict Footsteps*. This walk down Macquarie Street uncovers the precinct's fascinating convict past, associated places and the traces of early 19thC urban planning. The tour costs \$20 and includes light refreshments at the MOS Cafe. Bookings for the tour can be made on 9223 8922.

## Don't say no to this survey

Glebe is currently facing an onslaught of planning disasters, and we need to be ready.

At the August Management Committee meeting, we decided to design a skills questionnaire, to be administered over the phone by Convenors and Committee members to all the Society's membership (covering all members in the household).

We hope to start phoning early in September.

## Annual History Lecture

The launch event for History Week 2004 is the History Council's 9th Annual History Lecture, held on Thursday 9 September, 6 pm for 6.30 pm, at Government House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

This year, Peter Read's lecture is titled *A Haunted Land No Longer? Changing Relationships to a Spiritualised Australia*.

History Council/ HHT members \$30.00; Adults \$35.00; Concession \$30.00.

Due to limited space, tickets should be purchased in advance.

Further details from the History Council of NSW. Phone: 9252 8715, fax: 9252 8716, email: [office@historycouncilnsw.org.au](mailto:office@historycouncilnsw.org.au).

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## Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe Society Archives

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# For your diary ...

**Wednesday 1 September**, 7pm, Glebe Point Residents' Meeting, Benledi.

**Thursday 2 September**, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road.

**Tuesday 7 September**, 6pm+ - Glebe Night. Call Glebe Chamber of Commerce, 9552 1546, for details.

**Wednesday 8 September**, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. Note change of address. All members welcome.

**12 -19 September** - Glebe Week and History Week. For more details see page 9.

**17 September** - Opening of Tranby College's three week Festival. For more details see page 9.

**Sunday 19 September**, 11am - The Glebe Society's Annual General Meeting - Benledi.

**Wednesday 29 September**, 7pm - Eastern Precinct Residents' Group - Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

**Tuesday 5 October**, 6pm+ - Glebe Night. Call Glebe Chamber of Commerce, 9552 1546, for details.

**Thursday 7 October**, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road.

**Wednesday 20 October**, 7.30pm - Talk by Max Solling: 'The Business of Building Glebe'. Venue to be announced.

**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 [webmaster@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:webmaster@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

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### Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the Bulletin will be published in June. The deadline for contributions is **Saturday 24 July**.

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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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