



Max Factor Building bought by University

The new owner of 431 Glebe Point Road is the University of Sydney. The heritage building, sold for \$14.8 million, will become part of the University of Sydney campus, more specifically for the Faculty of Medicine and its Research Units/Institutes. Progressive occupation will occur as current leases run out. The most immediate consequence of the transfer of ownership can be seen in the work of the Grounds Department of the University of Sydney with a major cleanup of the surrounds and replanting of the limited landscape. The University is expected to spend several million dollars on converting the building essentially for use as office space, within its present envelope.



The Max Factor Building, 431 Glebe Point Road.
Photo: Bruce Davis

Over the past twenty years or so, a variety of proposed uses for the building has been put forward. Back in 1986, Leichhardt Council approved the conversion of the “Max Factor’s” premises for office space for *Traveland*, a major national travel company of the time. The local residents saw this as an attractive option even with the extra floor added (see *Glebe Bulletin* 5/1986). In subsequent years, a change of ownership and tenants led to a series of development applications for conversion to luxury units, entailing massive increase in the bulk of the building and negative impact on the surrounding community. These were strenuously opposed by residents, first in the lifetime of Leichhardt Council and latterly under the City

of Sydney regulations. With the support of many local residents, the Glebe Society, and the City Council, notably its heritage requirements, development of the building was restricted to its current envelope (see *Glebe Bulletin* 7/2005). The “golden goose” was looking a lot slimmer and so now with this sale we have prospects that the community can live with.

Our thanks to all of you who fought the good fight over a protracted period against overdevelopment of the site. The whole episode has the makings of a good story to illustrate successful outcomes from concerted community action.

- Bob Armstrong

The 2006 National Trust Heritage Festival

“Industrial Heritage – Our Working Lives”, 1–16 April.

The Glebe Society’s contribution to the Festival will be an illustrated talk by noted Glebe historian Max Solling OAM, focusing on the magnitude of our past industrial enterprises:

Glebe’s Historical Waterfront

An illustrated talk by Max Solling OAM

Date: Wednesday 5 April, 7.30 for 8 pm

Venue: The Hall, St Scholastica’s College, 4 Avenue Rd, Glebe

Cost (including light refreshments) \$15/10

For more information, phone David Mander Jones: 9552 4172

Bookings Essential! RSVP by Friday 31 March - see flyer

As part of the Festival, the Glebe Library will exhibit a selection of photographs and maps of Glebe’s former industries.

Submission on Liquor Law Changes

The Glebe Society has made the following submission to the Department of Gaming and Racing concerning proposed changes to the NSW liquor laws.

I am writing on behalf of the Glebe Society Incorporated, which has a membership of some 300 residents of the Glebe and Forest Lodge areas within the City of Sydney. We wish to comment on the draft *Liquor Bill 2005* and *Liquor and Gaming Court Bill 2005* draft legislation as it affects the operation of hotels in residential areas.

Recent consideration and rulings on Development Applications from local hotels have highlighted the potential for conflict between licensees and local residents. In large part, these conflicts have been mediated to the satisfaction of both parties under the current legislation. Any weakening of the legislation would have potential for tilting the balance further in favour of the licensees. The Glebe Society is supportive of the development and maintenance of viable businesses within the community, as long as they contribute to the general amenity of the suburb and its residents.

The following is our overview of the draft legislation:

- The proposed new system involves an administrative approach, rather than the current system focused on the Liquor Administration Board and Licensing Court. In our view the proposed procedures for granting liquor licence applications represent a considerable weakening of the present arrangements. The Director of Liquor and Gaming will be both granting new licences and determining appeals.
- On the part of local residents, the Society has concerns regarding the social impact assessment process for licence and other relevant applications. Some emphasis is placed on the importance of this process, but the assessment is to be provided by the licence applicant and will be dealt with by the Director/staff of Liquor and Gaming. In the absence of detail, it is fair to surmise that the process will give rise to an assessment-preparing industry having little regard to local knowledge. We believe it is necessary that Local Council and area police should be involved directly in this process.

- Appeals are currently heard by the Licensing Court and can be lodged by either the licensee and/or the complainant. Under the new arrangements, the appeals would be heard by the Director under a more limited range of circumstances, the details of which are not yet defined. It would seem that appeals would only be possible when specific action is taken by the Director. Where specific remedial measures are proposed, they can only be appealed by the Licensee and the Police. It would be inappropriate and a denial of basic rights if it were intended there to be no possible role for a member of the community to appeal.

- The form of disciplinary action against licensees proposed in the draft legislation is of concern. Our reading of the draft would be that action can only be initiated by the Police and/or the Director of Liquor and Gaming, not local authorities or others.

- In considering noise complaints and departure from compliance, the new legislation will take into account previous occupancy as it relates to the licensed premises and its surrounds. However, there is no mention of the nature of the occupancy and how this may change over time. New residents moving into an area in the immediate vicinity of a hotel may have done so on the basis that it is used principally by people drawn from the local community and operating at reasonable hours. If, for example, the licensed premises develop into a major regional entertainment centre, then on that basis the prior occupancy resides with the residents. Monitoring of such changes of use should be the role of the Director of Liquor and Gaming. For example, changes in hotel turnovers and marketing of business will be pointers to such changes in the nature of the occupancy.

- No justification has been provided for allowing hotels generally to operate from 5am to midnight seven days per week. These hours are too liberal in our view for premises close to residential areas. Late-night trading can have a particularly adverse effect on the local community. A closing time of midnight can result in disturbance extending past 1am. Proximity to residential premises must be taken into account.

The 'streamlined' approach to alcohol regulation as expressed in this draft legislation seems more concerned with limiting impacts on industry interests than with protecting the community or enforcing responsible service standards. The proposed relaxation contrasts with provisions to address alcohol related violence in the new Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Public Safety) Act 2005.

Robert S Armstrong, President

Footnote:

Two of our members, **Ewen and Barbara Waterman**, have also written on this subject. Their letter can be found by going to our News page <http://www.glebesociety.org.au/NewsAndEvents/> ... and following the link.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Re: The Birth of the Glebe Society, *Bulletin* 10/2005

The gratuitous comments about Dr H L Foley, his medical practice and the local graffiti indicate that old enmities and rivalries die hard. As the article read, a picture of Les McMahon would have been more relevant. For the record Foley Park was named in 1963, several years before the birth of the Glebe Society and the sojourn in Glebe of Robert Darroch.

Elizabeth Clarke (nee Foley)

Have your say at the Glebe Forum

Monday 6 March 2006, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe.

6-7.30pm - discuss issues with Councillors.

7.30-8.30pm - Glebe and Forest Lodge urban design presentation.

See p9 for further details.

What is to become of Blackwattle Bay?

You are traveling home, south across the Harbour Bridge. Exit for Glebe and turn left into Pyrmont Bridge Road and this is your entry into the lovely, historic, village world of inner west Glebe: to your left Wentworth Park, tired, neglected, insensitively built upon; to your right, the old falling down timbers of the coal bunker, tired, ugly industrial buildings that form a barrier between you, the park and the working harbour. Hardly indicative of the historic, interesting, idiosyncratic beauty for which this area forms a gateway.

The NSW Maritime Authority started work on a Master Plan for the Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays Maritime Precinct back in the late 90s, completing it in 2002 as required by the City West Regional Environmental Planning. You can find the whole document at the Maritime Authority website, www.maritime.nsw.gov.au. It relates to development of the foreshore area between Glebe High School, Pyrmont Bridge Road and the Fishmarkets.

The Vision

1. Fundamental to the plan is the preservation of the foreshore area as part of a working harbour but inclusive of recreational water activities such as rowing, canoeing and kayaking

2. In conjunction with this is an attempt to increase public access to the foreshore that will link into and continue the foreshore walk and cycleway. Briefly, the plan is a wide promenade that swings out along the foreshore, between the buildings associated with harbour industry aligned with Bridge Road and those along the wharves. It is well lit, landscaped and with seats every 10 metres.

3. The buildings are to be upgraded and redeveloped with detailed guidance as to building form, standards of design and detail, regard to maritime heritage, ecological considerations and sensitivity to view corridors across from Wentworth Park.

There is an enormous amount of detail in this document and for those who are interested it is well worth a read.

The Issues

On studying it carefully there are four areas where future problems may well arise.

The first is a fundamental and unresolved conflict in the vision statement of this document: the desire to maintain a working harbour while increasing public access to the precincts of that working zone. It is an admirable and worthy aim but the problems associated with those two conflicting land uses are neither addressed nor, much less, solved in the document. The public foreshore access is planned as a wonderfully wide promenade between the bay and the industrial buildings associated with the working harbour. The impracticalities and safety problems this creates are numerous. In addition, the areas are zoned business areas and thus can be closed to public access during business hours, and in this area, according to the document, 24 hour business is possible. This would mean for the much of the time, and in the worse case scenario, all of the time, the public would not have access to this lovely promenade but would be forced onto the alternative access route, a narrow one metre strip running alongside busy Pyrmont Bridge Road.

With some more thought and careful design surely the two land uses can coexist in a more satisfactory and practical manner but it would require some further work followed by some revision of the document.

Secondly, the plan distinctly states that a "dead frontage" to Bridge Road is to be avoided but the plan allows for three buildings with spaces between, all running parallel with, rather than at right angles to, the road. In effect this could create a wall, cutting off the sense of continuation from Wentworth Park to the harbour. A finger wharf concept with buildings at right angles to the road would be preferable. This would also require revision of the Master Plan.

The third is the View Corridor. Only one is identified, running along Wattle Street. Later in the document others are mentioned from Wentworth Park to the

harbour but they come only as an after-thought it would seem. Keeping a sense of opening to the harbour from the Park is far preferable.

The Coal Bunker

The Coal Bunker site, has a Development Application from SHFA (Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority) awaiting approval. It highlights a fourth potential flaw in development guided by the Master Plan process. While the document states : "Building heights ... must not exceed the RL heights" (coal bunker 11.5m) and ditto the building envelope (50%) this current DA contravenes both these stipulations with a 52% coverage and a building height of 15.5m.

The document has this loophole in it: "Changes to building envelopes may be considered if it can be demonstrated that it is necessary to the operational requirements of the proposed use and meet the urban design principles that underpin the Master Plan." (P. 18)

It will be very interesting to see what eventuates.

The Blackwattle Cove Coalition (BCC)

This group was formed in January and we have had three meetings so far. It is made up of about 15 representatives of the community groups in Ultimo, Pyrmont and Glebe. The Glebe Society is well represented.

The aim of the BCC is to take an active part in the planning and development of the Blackwattle Cove area centred on Wentworth Park and the surrounding areas it serves and the adjacent Blackwattle Bay foreshores.

Currently we are looking into:

- The Blackwattle Bay Masterplan - a representative from The NSW Maritime Authority came to talk to us. We have come to terms with the above mentioned flaws in the Master Plan and are currently working on a way to influence changes in the Plan to avoid these future problems.

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Blackwattle Bay

- The future of Wentworth Park - we are working on short term and long term needs and goals for the park. The improvement of this park and its accessibility is of paramount concern to the coalition. We have had Mark Driver, Contract Coordinator, Parks and Open Spaces, talking to us on what the council is planning to do there this year.
- The Bank Street development proposal.
- The Fishmarket development proposal.

Blackwattle Bay is a large and complex area. The strength of this newly formed group is that its members come from the three suburbs that surround it, they are highly motivated in their concern for the ultimate good of the area and the people it serves, and between them they have a wealth of experience and knowledge of the whole Blackwattle Cove area. Hopefully, with this watchdog group of dedicated people we will have some impact on the type and rate of development of this neglected and sad part of the inner west such that one day it might serve to enrich our working and living environment.

- Anne Fraser

Foreshore work begins

As these pictures show, work has begun on the foreshore walk and cycleway along Blackwattle Bay. Unfortunately walkers will find their daily ritual disrupted, but it will be worth it in the long run.

- Bruce Davis



City moves to protect trees in Bicentennial Park

A study by an independent arborist, commissioned by the City of Sydney, has revealed a number of trees in Bicentennial Park, Glebe, are in such poor health they will need to be removed.

The investigation showed that the roots of some 34 fig and 10 white cedar trees are badly mangled and stunted, as a result of depleted soil and flawed planting methods used in 1988.

The study of some 60 trees was undertaken as part of the City's \$15 million foreshore project that will provide a 2.2 km continuous walkway from Bicentennial Park to the Sydney Fish Markets, Pyrmont.

The walkway project involves the installation of more than 400 new trees and some 8,500 shrubs and plants.

Comprehensive soil and root testing revealed that a light coloured sandy soil

about 60cm beneath the surface was unsuitable for root growth and water penetration, resulting in the deteriorated condition of many trees in the area.

This month the City will carry out remediation work on the soil as part of the first stage of the foreshore walk project. Those trees removed will be replaced by native figs, while others will be temporarily removed and nursed back to health before being replanted.

A further 13 existing figs, which have shown good growth, will be retained.

The City has consulted with local community groups on the actions stemming from the study program.

A spokesperson for the City said: "The tree management program will allow the City to undertake works on the foreshore walk as well as soil remediation to encourage

long-term tree growth to expand a natural canopy."

Media Release, Friday 3 February 2006

More Tree Vandalism

Three trees, recently planted in Blackwattle Bay Park by Council as a start to the replacement of those that were previously poisoned, were vandalised in January.

The three gums were planted on the mound in front of the Units. All supporting stakes have been removed, one tree is snapped at its base, one has been propped up, the third seems to be a survivor. It is not a good start to the New Year and the replanting program.

Nick Hespe, our acting Place Manager, said Council would investigate and respond quickly.



This report is short because, even if there has been an increase in lending for housing, it hasn't reached Glebe yet. Of course, that isn't the only reason it has been quiet. John Buckingham remarked long ago that the activity of the Planning Subcommittee deterred many unwelcome types of development, and the reduction of such development, and its refusal by Council, is evidence the Subcommittee is doing its job particularly effectively. Nevertheless, large scale and well-funded developers can be persistent, and we are fortunate Glebe is not being targeted. Indeed, one of the largest, Sterling, responsible for redeveloping the Chil-

dren's Hospital, has reportedly gone belly-up.

Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road

The Toxteth had extensions approved, mainly to its first floor, by Leichhardt Council in 2001. I am not aware of any work carried out under this approval, which may even have expired. Nevertheless the pub has applied for a public entertainment licence in relation to the expanded accommodation of the Leichhardt DA, proposed to operate until 1am Monday to Saturday and midnight on Sunday. The licence would cover live

music, prerecorded and DJ music, conferences and films.

Anecdotally, the Toxteth is suffering reduced patronage, which will not surprise those who have experienced the food and service recently. The licence application was discussed at the February Committee meeting and the consensus was that the pub should make itself more attractive to residents, rather than attempt to draw in custom from further afield through entertainment, because of the tight parking situation and the proximity of residential areas.

- Neil Macindoe

Light Rail - a journey not yet ended

The Glebe Society published its third monograph, *Better Public Transport in Sydney's Inner western and South Eastern Suburbs*, by Dr John Gerofi, in 1980. The title says it all. The Society's support for Light Rail has always been as part of a fully integrated public transport system, with appropriate interchanges and a single ticket system, such as exists in many European cities where heavy rail, light rail and buses operate in harmony together. A combination of these options is also increasingly common in America and Asia.

It is clear that despite some successes and many promotional events The Society's goal has not yet been fully realized. The present Light Rail, operated by a private company, ran at first only from Central to Wentworth Park and was later extended to Lilyfield. Moreover, we still await full integration and a single ticket system. In particular the Light Rail needs to adequately serve the CBD by traveling as far as Circular Quay before it can be extended outward to service those areas not proposed to be served by heavy rail.

This means there will be a period of debate about the appropriate route through the City and the best way of integrating buses with Light Rail there, remembering the situation will change

again once Light Rail is extended further outward to the suburbs.

It is this debate that figured largely in the *Herald* during January this year. There was also some disagreement about how effective Light Rail would be in reducing congestion in the CBD. What has become clear is that these problems are soluble, and the year

prior to a State election is an excellent time to press for their solution. If you think the Society should continue to support the extension of Light Rail please let members of the Committee know, as the debate at the February meeting was indecisive, and further action deferred.

- Neil Macindoe

Human rights ... negotiable?

What would an Australian Bill of Rights do for you?

Human Rights Community Forum

Presented by the Port Jackson ALP State Electorate Council¹

Saturday 11 March 2006

Leichhardt Town Hall 2 - 4:30pm

Cnr Norton & Marion Sts, Leichhardt

Guest Speakers:

The Hon. Rob Hulls MP *Victorian Attorney General*

Julian Burnside *Queen's Counsel, Refugee Rights Advocate, Author*

Tim Palmer *Walkley Award Winning Journalist, ABC Jakarta*

The Hon. Susan Ryan *Chair of the New Matilda Human Rights Campaign*

RSVP: SEC Secretary Verity Firth on 02 9692 8761 (leave a message) or at verity_firth@yahoo.com.au by 1 March 2006



Thomas John Ley (1880 – 1947)

The only person whose career is summed up in *The Australian Dictionary of Biography* as “politician and murderer” and in *The Australian Encyclopaedia* as “politician and criminal” lived for a number of years at various addresses in Glebe.

Tom Ley was born in Bath, England, the youngest child of a butler. After the death of his father in a workhouse, his mother Elizabeth sailed to Sydney and, with her four children, rented 24 Denham Street (now the northern part of St Johns Road) opposite the police station. Six-year-old Tom Ley was soon delivering papers for Sydney Bibb’s news agency at 129 Glebe Point Road. At *Hereford House* he got to know district court judge William Wilkinson and his son William Camac Wilkinson, a surgeon and MLA for Glebe. In later years Ley claimed the judge, his mentor, gave him his first reference and, thereby, entry into the legal profession.

Elizabeth moved the family to Surry Hills where she ran a boarding house and Tom was enrolled at Crown Street School. However his formal schooling ended at age 10, when his mother opened a grocery. He worked there and on a dairy farm near Windsor. But Tom was ambitious: he taught himself shorthand and, at the Sydney Mechanics’ School of Arts, developed skills as a debater. Aged 14, he became a junior clerk-stenographer in a Pitt Street solicitor’s office. Here he became friendly with a typist, Ethel Vernon, but switched his attentions to her sister Emily Lewise Stone (known as Louisa) and in 1898 put his age up by nearly four years to marry her.

The Vernon girls lived with their widowed mother Emily in Glebe, opposite *Hereford House*. Their father, a successful English doctor, had left the family comfortably off and the women had travelled extensively before settling in Sydney in 1895. The newly wed Tom and the pregnant (with Russell) Louisa took over the top floor of their mother-in-law’s house. Keith was born in 1900. By the time of the birth of their third son Clive, in 1903, the extended family had moved several times: 67 Glebe Road, 261 Glebe Road, 57 Parramatta Old Road, Forest Lodge and *Cresswell*, 347 Glebe



Tom Ley, Federal Member for Barton.

Road. In 1903 Tom gave his address as 6 Avona Avenue. When Mrs Vernon and Ethel, a “stenographer”, went to live in Woollahra in 1906, ownership of *Cresswell* passed to Ley, now an articled clerk with Norton, Smith & Co. A year later he moved to the developing suburb of Hurstville and was soon elected to council.

In 1914 Ley was admitted as a solicitor. Unsuccessful as a mayoral candidate he switched to State politics, and was Nationalist MLA for Hurstville/St George 1917 - 1925. An advocate of prohibition (nicknamed “Lemonade Ley”) and a fervent conscriptionist, he held Cabinet positions of Public Instruction, Labour and Industry, and Justice (1922-5). “A fluent speaker, with a most unctuous manner”, Ley joined a number of community organisations but appeared to have few friends. Many in his own party loathed him.

His prevarication over the introduction of a plebiscite on prohibition lost him support in the anti-liquor movement, particularly with the Temperance Society’s President Robert Hammond whose notice board outside St Barnabas Broadway admonished in a “weekly sermon in a sentence”: “Drink promises you heaven, but gives you hell”. A virulent sectarian, Ley tried to push through the Marriage Amendment (ne temere) Bill whereby a Protestant/Catholic couple united in a State ceremony would have to remarry in a Catholic church. He supported Mary Ligouri (who eventually

died in the Rydalmere Mental Hospital), a nun who ran away from a Wagga convent and sued the Catholic Church for wrongful arrest. Both issues received huge press and parliamentary coverage at the time.

As Minister for Justice he resisted appeals for clemency in the case of Edward Williams, a Paddington church organist who, living in a single room with his three small daughters after the death of their insane mother, killed them as the result of a “vision” and was hanged. On the other hand, there were rumours that he had ordered the release of a convicted criminal, Puddifoot, because he was the illegitimate son of Ley’s sister.

But Ley in the early 1920s was at the height of his power, a well-known Sydney identity, stocky, snappily dressed, with the “gift of the gab”. He was a councillor of the Millions Club, a director of Universal Sales and his son Russell had served as a lieutenant in the war. He enjoyed motoring and tennis and moved up market from *Caloola* in Hurstville to *The Bungalow* in Hurstville.

Re-elected in 1925, but now in Opposition to Jack Lang’s Labor Party, Ley next turned his sights on the Federal seat of Barton, held for Labor since 1922 by Frederick McDonald. McDonald, although an early president of the Teachers Federation, was out of his depth in the robust politics of the time and was apparently persuaded by Ley not to nominate in exchange for five thousand pounds. However, a few days before the election, Ley told him that as he himself was going to win easily, the deal was off. McDonald hastily nominated and was defeated.

McDonald went to the Court of Disputed Returns and gave a statement to Lang. Ley contacted McDonald suggesting a meeting before he went to see the Premier. On the day of the appointment McDonald disappeared; no trace of him was ever found. With no chief witness, charges of bribery were dropped. At about the same time Ley severed connections with his old legal firm Norton, Smith and went into partnership with Harry Andrews.

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Ley's expectations to have some status in the Bruce government were never realised, the Prime Minister refusing to have anything to do with him. He spent some time in 1927 in Switzerland as a delegate to the League of Nations, and was defeated in the next elections.

In September 1928 the body of Hyman Goldstein, MLA for Coogee, was found "greatly mutilated" at the foot of "suicide point" near Coogee Beach. Goldstein had been a shareholder in Prickly Pear Poisons, a company of which Ley was chairman and his son Keith secretary. Irregularities were said to exist in the company: its patent had never been lodged, naphtha proved ineffective as a poison, and the balance sheets were fraudulent. The company should have ceased trading. His legal partner Harry Andrews broke with Ley to represent two plaintiffs who served him with writs. Goldstein, chairman of a shareholders' committee investigating the company, had vowed to pursue the action.

Another of Ley's associates, Kenneth Greedor, last seen on a ship to Newcastle, also disappeared.

Soon after Goldstein's death, and before charges were laid by shareholders in another Ley company, Australasian Oil Fields, Ley left the country, accompanied by his mistress since 1922, Maggie Brook (whose husband had supposedly died from bee stings) and her daughter. Mrs Brook had been his companion on an official tour of the USA and Canada in 1924-5, and Ley had bought thousands of pounds worth of property in her name.

In England he promoted a million dollar sweepstake for the 1931 Derby, was a wartime black marketeer and a dealer in London real estate.

In November 1946 the strangled body of a barman, John Mudie, was found in a Surrey chalk pit. Four months later Ley and Lawrence Smith, a joiner, were charged with murder. It was alleged that Ley, suspecting Mudie of having an affair with Maggie Brook (then aged 66) had hired Smith and a hire car driver, John Buckingham, to kill him. Each was paid £200.

Buckingham turned King's Evidence. Jurors in the "chalk pit case" heard that Ley had become obsessed with Mudie, who had met Mrs Brook only once. Ley and Smith were found guilty and their execution was fixed for 8 May at Pentonville Prison. Ley protested his innocence: "I am not surprised at the



Tom Ley at the time of his trial, 1947.

verdict of the jury after the biased summing up, the exploitation of the allegations of jealousy, suspicions, obsessions and such like nonsense". He appealed twice, but his reprieve came about in a different way. Three days before the scheduled hanging he was medically examined on the recommendation of the Home Secretary and pronounced insane, although this defence had not been brought up at the trial. Smith's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Ley died on 24 July 1947 in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. With him were his wife Louisa and son Clive who had flown to England, desperate to find witnesses to prove his Ley's innocence.

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City to Investigate Heritage Fund

The City will investigate a Heritage Fund to encourage retention and reuse of heritage buildings throughout our Local Government Area.

Council last December unanimously endorsed Councillor McInerney's proposal and a report will now be prepared on how the fund would operate.

Council's resolution proposed that the Heritage Fund could provide a range of services including:

- Restoration advice for property owners;
- Low-interest loans for professional services and construction related to restoration or reconstruction work;
- Grants for a proportion of the restoration or reconstruction work; and
- Grants to help develop Conservation Management Plans.

The fund would involve community-based heritage groups, whose local knowledge is invaluable. Property owners would also be able to seek free advice from heritage architects and experts on altering, reusing, and redeveloping heritage-listed buildings.

Council's resolution aims to create partnerships with State and Federal Government bodies, which also have an important role in the protection of heritage.

The City of Melbourne introduced a Heritage Restoration Fund in 1988 as a non-profit joint venture between the City and the Victorian Government. Strathfield Council in Sydney has more recently set up a fund. I hope that the City can implement a similar program to help protect and re-use heritage buildings within the City of Sydney.

- from the Lord Mayor's "ENews"

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Elizabeth and Ross Hindmarsh say Farewell

The highly respected Glebe GPs, Elizabeth and Ross Hindmarsh, held a "Farewell to Glebe" on Saturday afternoon, 4 February, at St Johns Church.

Ross and Elizabeth originally said that they would never work together, and they wouldn't be GPs, because that is the hardest job in medicine. However they started working in Glebe 28 years ago, in March 1977 at 103 Glebe Point Road with Dr Ross McLeod. In October 1979 they moved to 71 Glebe Point Road. During the renovations, they were unable to get Telecom to successfully install a phone over several weeks and eventually they told the technician they were considering locking him in the building and he could leave only when the phone was connected. It was a successful ploy!

On the Thursday before Easter 1991 there was a case of measles at the local school and the State Health Department was unable to help with an immunisation program. With official permission they held a immunisation clinic in the street in Derwent Street on Easter Sunday morning and the threatened epidemic was averted.

Three years ago they needed still more space and moved again, to a purpose-built medical practice at 114 Glebe Point Road. The new building is efficient for delivering up to date health care but does not have the charm of the old building.

The Glebe practice was the base for their clinical work, but they have also been involved in working for the Royal Australian College of GPs and the Central Sydney Division of General Practice.

A search of the Web shows that their practice is part of a Youth Reach Project and that Elizabeth was the winner of the AMA Women's Health Award for 2005.

As well as being involved in running the RACGP's Advanced Course of Training in Women's Health, Elizabeth has also played a major role in a college project on women and violence. This involved conducting research with adult survivors of child and domestic abuse, and led to the development of GP training and a manual on helping female victims of violence.

Ross has been involved as a founding member of the Division of General Practice and served as the chairperson, had responsibility for the ongoing medical education for GPs in the area and the consumer working party for the Division. He has been involved in Men's Health and the computerisation of the practice.

There are now 10 GPs in the Glebe practice. They are working together with the nurses and the reception staff to carry the practice forward. Libby and Ross say they are now refocusing, not retiring. They have two lovely daughters and four grandchildren. They are planning to travel to outback Australia and hope to work on preventive health with Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

So on Saturday 4 February some patients and friends enjoyed afternoon tea in the Church grounds, before moving inside the Church to listen to music and hear the farewell speeches.

The church was an appropriate setting, as Ross and Libby share a strong religious belief. The music was also appropriate, as it was performed by family members and friends Steve Cooper (keyboard) and Angus McLeay and John Dickson (guitars and vocals). John, who had been taught by members of the Daly River Community, also played the didgeridoo. Two young women, Alessandra and Marian, also sang for us. They have been Ross's patients for 20 years - all their lives - which typifies the strength of Libby and Ross's involvement with our Glebe community.

Elizabeth and Ross, a whole suburb wishes you well.

- Edwina Doe

- Cynthia Jones



Ross and Libby Hindmarsh.
Photo: Barbara Kells of "Kells Photographs"

Dorothy Margaret Davis, AM

In the 2006 Australia Day Honours List, Glebe Society member, Dorothy Davis, was honoured with the award of a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "her services to tertiary education through the promotion of Australia as a study destination for international students and as provider of education services".

Dorothy's interest in international education goes back to part-time teaching in Port Moresby and Singapore in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the 1980s and 1990s, she was at the centre of a revolution that saw education become one of Australia's leading "export" industries. Although she now works in a different area, she is active in the Peace Scholarships Program that promotes global peace by improving cross-cultural understanding through international education.

Many, many congratulations, Dorothy, from all members of the Glebe Society!

News from Marianne von Knobelsdorff

Marianne von Knobelsdorff was for many years an extremely active member of the Glebe Society, campaigning amongst other things against overdevelopment at the end of Cook Street.

She may be looking after her elderly mother in Germany, but she was thinking of Glebe on Australia Day and sent us a fax.

Marianne has moved house recently. Her new address is Kapellenstrasse 16, 53121 BONN, Germany. Her phone number is 0011 40 228 659 888. She would love to hear from old friends.



Oxfam Australia walk against want

The Glebe Society has a team taking part in Walk against Want on Sunday 12 March. If you would like to walk with the group, or would like to support them by making a donation, please contact Neil Macindoe (9660 0208).

The Walk starts in Victoria Park with a pre-Walk breakfast from 8.30am featuring Toby's Estate Coffee, a warm-up with karma yoga, cool music, and host Julie McCrossin. The walk itself explores the hidden charms and fantastic harbour views of the historic Pyrmont area, passing through Darling Harbour. The Walk ends back at Victoria Park where there will be music, massages and a sausage sizzle (with vegetarian option!).

Proceeds from the Walk support Oxfam Australia's development work with poor communities around the world, and with indigenous Australia.

- Neil Macindoe

Glebe Library News

Book Club: The Friends of Glebe Library, with the cooperation of Marie Krielly (Sydney City Librarian) and Margaret Whittaker (Glebe Librarian) want to put together an informal book club. There will be survey forms at the Library and we are looking at starting in June. It will be "informal" because you may not all be reading the same book - this will be up to the group. Marie has hosted many reading sessions in the past and is enthusiastic about guiding the Glebe community along. The only cost will be that you need to be a Friends member (\$10).

The 2006 Book Fair will be on 3 June. Start looking at that bulging bookshelf now. Donations will be accepted in May.

- Chris Newton Secretary, Friends of Glebe Library

News from St Scholastica's

"A new look for Polding villa for 2006. This building, once the Hostel and Nursing Home for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, will house a new community offering hospitality and an art and craft centre, with works of the "Good Sam" artists for purchase - candles, cards, pottery, paintings, natural therapy products, etc. Be on the lookout from March 2006 onwards." (SCHOLS.COM, Issue 6, January 2006)

Backpacker Tourism in Global Sydney

The Centre for Cultural Research at the University of Western Sydney is undertaking a research project that will explore the impact of backpackers on local communities and places in Sydney. The project also hopes to find out about the experiences backpackers have in their contacts with their host community and about any specific conflicts or problems between backpackers, local councils and residents.

More info: Kim Wildman (02) 9685 9483. Email: k.wildman@uws.edu.au

Go Theatre at the Roxbury Hotel

Go Theatre opened Glebe's only live theatre at The Roxbury Hotel in St Johns Road this time last year in the pub's function room. It is now established as Glebe's only currently-operating live theatre.

The theatre kicks off its 2006 season with A R Gurney's *The Dining Room*, "a brilliantly conceived and richly humorous theatrical *tour de force*". The play opens on February 21 and runs until March 18. They will stage a further two productions at this venue in June and October 2006.

The Dining Room will be playing Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm from February 21 until March 18. The Go Theatre has generously offered Glebe Society members a 30% discount on tickets, making the price \$15 per person. Book by calling 0401 388 163, emailing gotheatre@bigpond.com or purchasing at the door.

Have your say at the Glebe Forum

We are invited to attend a combined community meeting that will provide updates on a range of matters and activities to do with the Glebe and Forest Lodge area.

Monday 6 March 2006, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe

6.00-7.30pm - Community Forum - an open forum during which you will be able to discuss your issues with Councilors, the CEO, a senior Council officer with direct responsibility and local police officers and a presentation on Local Action Plans and the development of one for the area.

7.30-8.30pm - Glebe and Forest Lodge urban design presentation - will include a presentation on preliminary recommendations on urban design and planning controls with a question and answer session following the presentation.

You should have received a flyer advertising the community meeting which contains further details. Or it can be obtained from <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development/CityPlan/SiteSpecificPlanning.asp>

City Plan Website

A website has been established for the new City Plan currently being developed by the City of Sydney. The new City Plan will include a single Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) and supporting information that will apply to the whole City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA). Information about projects which will inform the development of the City Plan are available from this website.

Information about the Glebe and Forest Lodge Urban Design Study is available from the City Plan website. Information includes a summary of the presentation held at Glebe Town Hall on 23 November 2005 and the questionnaire given out on the night, and they are available to download.

The website will be updated as the study progresses. The City Plan website, with information about the Glebe and Forest Lodge Urban Design study, is available from:

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development/CityPlan/Default.asp>

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

All members are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe.

The next Thirsty Thursday is at *La Tavolaccia* Garden Restaurant, 355 Glebe Point Road (near the Toxteth Hotel) on 2 March. There is no need to book, so just turn up. And BYO wine. And come again on Thursday 6 April.

Welcome to New Members

The following people were accepted as members at the February Management Committee meeting. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

- ◆ Hans Bode
- ◆ Peter Shmigel

Palisade Fence

We note with pleasure that work has re-started on the maintenance and conservation of the historic sandstone wall and palisade fence which runs along Parramatta Road between Ross and Derwent Streets. The Glebe Society has been campaigning for a number of years for work to be undertaken on the seriously abraded stone capping of the fence. Leichhardt Council undertook the first phase (near the footbridge) just prior to the Olympics. We understand the City of Sydney will be phasing the work over the next couple of years.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Pyrmont Plaque

Pyrmont yellow block sandstone was used on virtually all Sydney's historic public buildings because of its high quality, uniform hardness, texture and colour as well as being suitable for fine carving.

An *Historic Engineering Marker* was recently unveiled in Quarrymasters Drive, Pyrmont, to record the Saunders Quarrying Operations in Pyrmont and Ultimo from 1853 to c1931. The three Saunders' quarries were known as *Paradise*, *Purgatory* and *Hell Hole*. For the first time in Australia, the Saunders used steam powered machinery in quarrying, lifting, cutting and dressing stone.

Glebe Skate Ramp

A new skate ramp was recently installed in the Glebe park following consultation with local skate professional Aaron Jenkins. It appeals to a broad range of skill levels from beginners to experienced skaters and is suitable for both blade skating and skateboarding.

The new ramp, situated adjacent to the protected wetland area within Federal Park, is a Lip Ramp. It was painted following a City of Sydney Youth Services community barbecue and graffiti art workshop.

The project was part of the City of Sydney's "On the Move" Program for 10 to 14 year olds. The ramp is already proving to be a popular attraction for local skaters.

National Trust Heritage Festival: "Industrial Heritage – our working lives"

The National Trust has just released its program of events for this year's Heritage Festival, which will run from 1-16 April. Over 400 diverse and interesting events are planned to celebrate our state's fascinating and sometimes undervalued industrial heritage. More info at www.nationaltrust.org.au

Details of the Glebe Society's Heritage Festival event are on page 1.

During the Festival, the City of Sydney will be displaying historical photographs of the Glebe and Pyrmont Walter Burley Griffin incinerators at Glebe Library. Open Library hours, free.

Sydney Mint Sesquicentenary 1855-2005: \$10 Sydney Mint Proof Coin

The Royal Australian Mint is helping the Sydney Mint celebrate its 150th birthday with the release of a limited edition anniversary coin. Mintage is limited to 10,000. Visit the [Mint Issue Shop](#) for further information on all products available from the Royal Australian Mint.

Jessie Street National Women's Library

The Jessie Street National Women's Library has moved from Town Hall House to premises in the Ultimo Community Centre on the corner of Harris and William Henry Streets. It is open to the public weekdays from 10am to 3pm. To celebrate the move there will be an open day on Saturday 18 March 2006 from 10am to 3pm. Everybody is welcome.

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Phone the Town Hall, 1300 651 301, for contact details.

Forest Lodge Public School

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For your diary ...

Thursday 2 March, 7pm - "Thirsty Thursday" - Dinner at *La Tavolaccia*, 355 Glebe Point Road.

Sunday 5 March, Clean up Australia Day.

Monday 6 March, 6pm-8.30pm - Community Forum, Glebe Town Hall. See p9.

Wednesday 8 March, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome.

Saturday 11 March, 2-4.30pm - Human Rights Community Forum, Leichhardt Town Hall. See p5.

Sunday 12 March, from 8.30am - Walk against Want, starting and finishing in Victoria Park. See p9.

Saturday 18 March, 10am-3pm - Jessie Street Library Open Day, Ultimo Community Centre.

Wednesday 5 April, 7.30 for 8pm - Max Solling's talk, Glebe's Historical Waterfront - The Hall, St Scholastica's College. See Flyer.

Thursday 6 April, 7pm - "Thirsty Thursday" - Dinner at *La Tavolaccia*, 355 Glebe Point Road.

April 1-16 - National Trust Heritage Festival - "Industrial Heritage - our Working Lives".

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Website

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The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to 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 to the Glebe Society. Write to the address above or send an email to editor@glebesociety.org.au

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Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published in March. The deadline for contributions is **Saturday 18 March**.

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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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