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Bicentennial Park upgrade opened

Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore inspects the newly refurbished section of Bicentennial Park.

Russell Lloyd, Director City Projects, is on the far left of the picture and Gynt Drinan, Project Manager, is in the centre next to Clover Moore.

Photo courtesy of City of Sydney Council



On Thursday 18 May Cr Clover Moore, the Lord Mayor, led an inspection of the current refurbishment of the Parks (Bicentennial Park, Blackwattle Bay Park and bits in between) on the Glebe Foreshores. Clover Moore opened Stage 2, which is the strip between Johnsons Canal and Northcote Road, and paid tribute to the tireless work of community leaders including the Glebe Society and council officers for their work in bringing it all to fruition. Glebe Society President Bob Armstrong was present along with other members of the Glebe Society who were active proponents of the foreshore restoration. However John Buckingham, who inspired many of the present initiatives, was away and unable to attend.

The Glebe Society first became active in claiming the foreshores for the people of Glebe in the early 1970s, when at that stage it was all zoned Waterfront Industrial, apart from a handkerchief of land at the end of Glebe Point Road, now Pope Paul VI Reserve. In 1974 Parkes Developments purchased large blocks of waterfront land from various owners, including the Maritime Services Board. Strides Timber Yard, at the end

In a statement issued during the inspection, Cr Moore said the new open lawns, pathways and tree groves made for an “attractive setting for contemplation, picnicking, walking and playing and taking in the water views”.

Works undertaken in recent months include new access stairs to Rozelle Bay, planting and transplanting of 67 fig trees, installation of 30 lighting poles, new furniture, salt marsh planting preparation, sandstone paving and walls and pre-fabricated retaining walls.

of Oxley Street, was sold to Parkes. However the Glebe Society and Leichhardt Council bargained with them to release the land around Bellevue in favour of a block of units at the end of Glebe Point Road, now the Pavilions. Unfortunately so much time went by that Bellevue fell into complete disrepair.

In 2003, after the Glebe precinct was ceded to the City of Sydney Council, the Glebe Society succeeded in organising a tour of the Glebe foreshore attended by the then Lord Mayor, Lucy Turnbull, and a large group of Glebe residents. As a result of that activity, Stages 1 and 2 of the restoration have been completed and we now eagerly await Stage 3.

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City Council Acting CEO visits Wentworth Park

Monica Barone, the Acting CEO for Sydney City Council, came to Wentworth Park on Wednesday 10 May to meet with members of the Blackwattle Cove Coalition. She was anxious to walk all over the site and to come to terms with the issues of Wentworth Park. She asked questions, listened and gave an update on the budgeted \$500,000 to be spent on improving the existing park areas in the next 12 months. We walked through the sporting complex and the northern and southern ends. She was interested and supportive, but also aware that any major development here would have to involve action at State level as well.

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City Council acting CEO visits Wentworth Park

The Prospective \$500,000 is hopefully to be spent on:

- hard surfacing the goat track
- improving the lighting
- removing all the old tar sections that go nowhere
- mulching under the fig trees
- improving the lot of the heritage listed trees
- fixing walls and steps at the periphery of the park
- installing a playground area to replace the one vandalised
- improving the playing ground surface

We also drew her attention to the viaduct, the problems with the walls surrounding the Sporting Complex, the grandstand, access from Ultimo and Pyrmont, viewing corridors to Blackwattle Bay, and areas



From the left, John Brooks (BBC Pyrmont), Steve O'Brien (SCC), the head behind is Victor Franko (SCC), Monica Barone, Mark Driver (SCC), Mary Mortimer (BCC Ultimo), Bill D'Anthes (BCC Pyrmont), Anne Fraser (BCC Glebe). Photo: Bruce Davis

where cars could be accommodated to stop them compacting the park surface. Finally, we covered the fact that though the greyhound racing has the right to remain for another 20 years there is still much that could be done in the meantime.

- Anne Fraser

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Bicentennial Park upgrade opened

Those on the tour last Thursday were given a glimpse of what is to come. They were shown the new steps opposite Northcote Road, the refurbishment going on behind The Anchorage; and most importantly they were allowed a viewing of Bellevue, stripped to bare brick, but promising to be restored sympathetically to the grand maritime villa that it was

designed to be in the late 1880s. It was noted that the intended usage of Bellevue has not been decided, although there have been a number of eager bids.

I am sure that when the public is allowed access to all these refurbishments, most of which will be completed by this August, they too will be pleasantly surprised.

- Tony Larkum



Where it all began: the then Lord Mayor, Cr Lucy Turnbull, who originally committed Council to the Glebe foreshore upgrade, is interviewed by a journalist in Bicentennial Park in June, 2003.

Photo: Bruce Davis

New plans for Foley Park discussed

The City Council invited interested parties to meet on Friday 19 May with Sasha Coles and Kate Luckraft, design consultants for Stage 1 of the Foley Park upgrade, ASPECT Landscape Architecture and Urban Design (see *Bulletin 2/2006*, p1).

ASPECT's plan, at this stage a work-in-progress, was shown and discussion invited. They undertook to let us have a copy of this working plan within two weeks so that we could make more

Update on Crown Land in Forest Lodge

On 11 May 2006 a question was asked in the NSW Upper House as to why the Department of Lands was selling publicly owned land in Forest Lodge. The Minister for Lands replied that he had asked for a comprehensive report on the issue and would report back to the House. The 675 square metre piece of land in Alfred Road behind 77 Hereford Street was due to be sold from 15 May. On the same day Sydney City Council voted unanimously to immediately enter negotiations with the State Government regarding the options for this site. We are awaiting the results of these negotiations with great anticipation. Please see <http://forestlodgetrees.blogspot.com/> for full details including a link to an article by Tony Stephens in the Sydney Morning Herald of 15 May. The blogspot is updated every two or three days.

- Mary Pollard, on behalf of Owners Corporation, 77 Hereford Street, Glebe

Sydney Morning Herald,
Wednesday 17 May

Living city needs trees

That little green patch in Forest Lodge ("Locals lodged in position to defend their last forest remnant", May 15) is a significant contributor to Sydney's lungs. Apart from its beauty and haven for bird life, we need trees to breathe in carbon dioxide and other poisons, and breathe out oxygen. With our increasing population, little groups of mature trees are not a luxury, they are a necessity.

May the Minister for Lands place a permanent order to protect this little forest.

Margaret Sheppard, Glebe

considered comments. ASPECT anticipate they will have a Development Application ready for submission to Council on 9 July, after which the plan will be on public exhibition.

We were very happy to note that Craig Burton, with whom we have worked before, has been engaged by ASPECT as heritage consultant on the Foley Park works.

- Bobbie Burke
for the Foley Park Working Group



Traffic



and Transport



Pedestrian crossings at Glebe Point Road/Wigram Road

In a letter published in the April/May Newsletter, Lyn Collingwood expressed a concern about the safety of the pedestrian crossings over Glebe Point Road and Wigram Road, at their junction near the Glebe Point shops. Clearly there are situations where pedestrians are on both crossings and some drivers in Wigram Road can become frustrated. At the discussion at the last Management Committee meeting, it was considered that the relatively heavy handed option of traffic signals would not be the ideal solution for this section of Glebe Point Road. A roundabout would of course do nothing for pedestrian safety and would be difficult for bus movements. One option might be to relocate the existing crossing over Glebe Point Road further to the north, to the southern side of Ferry Road. However this would be moving the crossing away from pedestrian desire lines, and hence might add risk to those who chose to still cross at the current location. The Committee thought that this issue would be better addressed in the broader study of Glebe Point Road that will be undertaken shortly by Council.

Developments in Rozelle and White Bays

The traffic implications of the White Bay Cement Terminal will impact on conditions in The Crescent and James Craig Drive. Other developments proposed include the Slipways development under Anzac Bridge and the dry boat storage. The traffic studies that have been undertaken have provided estimates of additional light and heavy traffic movement. These studies have indicated that the junction of The Crescent with James Craig Drive will have adequate capacity in the peak periods. Putting aside these conclusions, the broader question is: where does this traffic go? With any additional port activity in the area, heavy vehicle movements could increase.

The use of Victoria Road, City West Link and Anzac Bridge by heavy vehicles is appropriate, since this is their arterial road function. However Glebe, Forest Lodge and Annandale residents would be concerned if there were additional heavy vehicle movements along The Crescent south of City West Link and on Johnston Street. When Port Botany was developed, the transport routes to and from the area were planned, to minimise impacts on residential amenity. The same considerations should apply to the planning for the expanded use of White Bay and Rozelle Bay for maritime/industrial uses. The Management Committee considers that the cumulative impact of all of these proposed developments needs to be considered and a transport road hierarchy developed. Victoria Road and the City West Link are B-Double routes. The Crescent and Johnston Street are not appropriate for such vehicles, both from an environmental perspective and from a physical perspective. For the same reasons, they are inappropriate routes for articulated heavy vehicle movement.

- Transport & Traffic Convenor

It's the same the world over



The other day I had a phone call from Marianne von Knobelsdorff, a Glebe Society member and enthusiastic campaigner, who now lives in Germany.

She was interested to read about the Valhalla. A similar cinema in Bonn, the Metropol, has been sold to a developer who wants to build a shopping mall. The cinema is under the protection of Denkmalschutz (Conservation of Monuments), the local equivalent of the National Trust. Of course Marianne is involved in the protests.

- Edwina Doe

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I am totally in agreement with Lyn Collingwood that the Glebe Society should get active about the deplorable intersection/pedestrian crossings at Wigram Road/ Glebe Point Road. This was a disaster waiting to happen, when the RTA resolved to do the crazy thing: constructing two pedestrian crossings perpendicular to each other on one of the most congested intersections in the inner city.

When the RTA constructed the "calming island" in front of the IGA supermarket I could already not believe what was happening. Of course, blind Freddy can see that this set-up does not work and invites crashes and loss of life. The traffic is extremely busy here at the best of times and absolutely crazy at peak hours. A roundabout is not feasible because of the buses, and there is no point in trying to penalise drivers or pedestrians by instituting some punitive measures such as traffic lights. It will simply make traffic bank-up even more than it does already both in Wigram Road and in Glebe Point Road.

The solution for this should have been that the pedestrian crossing of Glebe Point Road is moved to the intersection with Ferry Street, away from the Wigram Road intersection. This can still be done, but the calming island is useless then, and has to be dug up again, but this is better than having more accidents. At the moment young pedestrians simply continue crossing the two busy roads, and the current set-up invites such behaviour. Moreover, this crazy behaviour leads to car drivers getting frustrated with having to wait for endless streams of cars and pedestrians.

So, I am suggesting that the Glebe Society approaches the RTA with the request to move the Glebe Point Road pedestrian crossing to Ferry Street.

- Mia Campioni

Sydney people want more investment in public transport

Sydney residents want the government to invest more heavily in public transport, according to a survey commissioned by the newly-formed group *10,000 Friends of Greater Sydney*.

The survey, commissioned in March 2006, examines community attitudes to transport and related planning issues. It follows a similar survey undertaken by The Warren Centre at the University of Sydney in 2000. The survey covered people across Greater Sydney area and in all age groups."

The survey finds that community transport concerns have deepened over the past six years, with transport now rated below all other major government services.

"The Sydney community's priorities are clear," said Mike Dureau, chairman of *10,000 Friends*. "They want the government to invest more heavily in public transport. They also prefer that the government borrow money to fund any transport improvements, rather than engaging in public private partnerships.

Key findings of the Community Values Survey include:

- Over three-quarters of respondents rated transport problems as either 'significant' or 'major'. Only 4% felt there were no major problems.
- The proportion of people describing transport problems as "major and something needs to be done" has almost doubled over the last six years, from 20% to 37%.
- 72% of respondents said the best

solution for addressing Sydney's transport problems is to "Provide more public transport".

- 75% of respondents either "inclined to agree" or "agree strongly" that transport improvements should be funded by State Government borrowing.
- Transport received the lowest average rating for essential services managed by the State government. Electricity received the highest rating, followed by Police, Education, Water and Health.

The complete survey, along with other issues surrounding a sustainable Sydney, was discussed at the *10,000 Friends of Greater Sydney Sustainable Transport Summit* on May 16.

10,000 Friends was established by The Warren Centre in 2005 to promote a sustainable future for Greater Sydney. *10,000 Friends* engages the community and researches the critical areas of access, water, energy, waste and biodiversity leading to equitable access to services and jobs across the greater metropolitan area. People can join the *10,000 Friends* group at www.10000friends.org.au.

Several Glebe Society members attended the Sustainable Transport Forum. A summary of the speeches at the forum provided by the convenors of the Forum, *10,000 Friends of Greater Sydney*, has been placed on the Society's website www.glebesociety.org.au/NewsAndEvents/News.htm and follow the prompt.

Planned upgrades:

- T5 (highly energy efficient fluorescent tube light) Green Street Trial:
- Replacement of existing obsolete twin fluorescent lights on Energy Australia power poles with energy efficient compact fluorescent light fittings. Lights will be attached to 2 metre long arms to clear tree foliage and improved light spill on the footpaths.
- A total of 100 lights will be replaced in the following streets: Allen Street, Bell Street, Boyce Street, Westmoreland Street, Catherine Street, Hereford Street, Lodge Street, Seamer Street, Maxwell Street, Toxteth Road, Avenue Road, Victoria Road and Alexandra Road as well as Walsh Avenue and Eglinton Lane.
- A further 21 streets, including Minogue Crescent, are listed for upgrade; Bellevue Street, Bridge Road (Glebe Street to Ross Street), Cowper Street, Cowper Street / Wentworth Park Road (pedestrian crossing), Darghan Street, Denman Lane, Derwent Lane, Derwent Street, Glebe Street, Hegarty Street, Lodge Street, Lyndhurst Street, Mitchell Street, Northcote Road / Glebe Point Road intersection, Phillip Street, Queen Street, Rosebank Street, St Johns Road / Wentworth Park Road (pedestrian crossing), Taylor Street, Wigram Lane and Wigram Road.

These jobs are planned and in progress. A completion date is not yet available as the City is reliant on availability of Energy Australia installation personnel. City staff will work with Energy Australia to get a commitment for progression.

- Josh MacKenzie
Communications & Marketing

Glebe/Forest Lodge Street Lighting Update

We recently asked Baharak Sahebkhitiari, our Neighbourhood Services Centre Manager, for information about the City of Sydney's plan for upgrading street lighting.

Thus is the summary which we have received as a result of this request.

Glebe/Forest Lodge Street lighting update

Recently completed:

- Arthur (Paddy) Gray Reserve, Hereford Street

- AV Henry Reserve, The Crescent
- Lewis Hoard Reserve / playground, Minogue Crescent
- Kirsova Playground, Wigram Lane
- Pedestrian stairs between Railway Street and Darghan Street
- Thomas Portly Reserve / playground, Darghan Lane.

In progress:

- Franklyn Street Reserve / playground
- Blackwattle Bay Park Playground, Leichhardt Street

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Easier said than done

The recent Security and safety tips leaflet distributed by the City of Sydney says:

"At night, stay in well-lit areas where there are lots of people. If you feel uncomfortable or threatened, go to a busy or bright place like a shop. Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you."

This is simply not possible for me, if I go out at night on foot. That is, I can't walk home after dark in a well lit street, because there isn't one! This also applies if I go out at night by bus - and we are encouraged to use public transport.

- Margaret Sheppard

Slipways Proposal for Rozelle Bay



The proposed slipway development is located under the western approach to the Anzac Bridge (grey area behind NSW Maritime).

The Glebe Society is objecting to the Sydney Slipways Boat Repair Facility Development Application on the following grounds:

1) Noise: a 24 hours x 7 days Operation is proposed. This is not acceptable in a residential area. Noise at night travels extremely well over water. Several monitored locations will receive more noise than is allowed by NSW EPA's Industrial Noise Policy. Noise from hammering, galvanizing, slipping of boats and cartage of boats on and off the site, particularly at night and very early mornings (2.00am to 4.00am) will all contribute to this major issue.

2) Air Pollution: as a result of boat spraying activities (antifouling) levels of several noxious chemicals will increase over the Bays. The major concern is the chemical agent diuron, which is banned as an antifouling agent in the UK. Diuron is a very potent herbicide. It will be released into the atmosphere over Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays in significant quantities and will adversely affect attempts to restore mangroves, sea grasses and wetlands to the area

3) Lighting: night time lighting required by a boat yard to expedite work will increase further the ambient illumination.

4) Traffic: truck and car usage on James

Craig Road is estimated to increase by 150 vehicles per day. That is over 6% increase on existing vehicle usage, to a road and set of lights that already becomes a traffic blockage at The City Link intersection. Noise from trucks used to transport super yachts at night is a major concern to residents around these bays

5) Visual: perimeter fence on Southern Boundary to be 2.4m (7' 9") concrete wall with a 1.2m (4') plastic translucent fence on top of the concrete. This fence visually alienates the foreshore.

6) Recreational Boating: the traffic from this facility when combined with that of the proposed Dry Boat Storage facility will significantly impact on recreational boating in the Bay.

7) Ecological Impacts: there is a general lack of compliance with the recommendation that developments on Sydney Harbour should be ecologically sustainable and help to restore natural plant and animal communities. This development makes no attempt to improve the natural environment.

Many members have made personal objections. The closing date, 23 May, is unfortunately before the release of this *Bulletin*. However, people who were on the 800-strong list protesting about the Slipways and Dry Boat Storage proposals were contacted by email and told of the Glebe Society's concerns. The Dry Boat Storage proposal is expected to be lodged as a development application within the next two months.

- Tony Larkum.

The City of Sydney Draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010

The City of Sydney Draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010 (66 pages) and the Draft Budgets, Rates and Proposed Fees & Charges for the 2006/07 year (59 pages) are on public exhibition from **17 May - 13 June 2006**. Public feedback is welcomed and should be directed by email to **Bill Carter** - bcarter@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or in writing to the **Acting Chief Executive Officer**, City of Sydney, GPO Box 1591, Sydney NSW 2001

Comments should reach the Council by close of business on Tuesday 13 June 2006.

The Corporate plan is available at the

Neighbourhood Service Centre at Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road. It may also be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Here are two extracts relating to Glebe:

- Glebe Point Road. Upgrade of Glebe Point Road including undergrounding of powerlines, repaving of footpaths, new kerbs and gutter, installation of smartpoles and new street furniture and civil/drainage infrastructure, March 2008
- Glebe Foreshore Walk, Blackwattle Bay to Rozelle Bay. Complete all stages June 2008



13a Glebe Point Road

Glebe's main street has had a very mixed year, and this latest application is most unwelcome. It retains the façade of this attractive pre-WWI building (most recently Jane Singleton's office) but replaces the rear with a five storey extension, effectively doubling the density, and plonks a balcony on the front. The Society has objected strenuously. Recent unauthorised work at 1-9 and 15-19 Glebe Point Road, buildings flanking 13a, has been reported to Council.

Fires in Heritage Items

Members are no doubt aware St Barnabas' Church at Broadway was gutted by fire early on 10 May. Contrary to what has been written, the church was a fine Gothic

structure, but poorly maintained. Although it was in Ultimo, there were strong cultural links with Glebe.

Earlier the same week there was a fire near the Tramsheds, also a Heritage Item, at the corner of Maxwell Road and Victoria Street. This was certainly the work of a firebug, and though we do not know if the two were linked we have alerted the City Councillors and encouraged them to order a cleanup of the Tramsheds site to prevent further risk.

Orphan School Creek

Early on 12 May Roberta Johnston, other members of FROGGS and myself met with the Acting CEO, Monica Baronne, on site. She was deeply impressed by the extent and potential of the proposed plan, and the quality of the work already done. It

seems all the land adjacent to the Children's Hospital site is now in Council's ownership. Monica has undertaken to pursue the plan vigorously. Watch this space.

Urban Design Study and Conservation Study

Drafts of both these studies, which will form the basis for replacing LEP 2000, are on exhibition on Council's website and at Glebe Town Hall, the former until the middle of June and the latter until the end. The Society has also been given multiple copies so the subcommittees and members can study them more easily. The President will set a date for a meeting to decide the Society's response.

-Neil Macindoe

BASIX Presentation: prescription for water and energy savings

A small but enthusiastic group attended the illustrated talk by Andrew Thomas, the City's Manager of Strategic Planning, in *Benledi* on 15 May.

BASIX requires the reduction of water consumption by 40% and of energy by 25% (supposed to become 40% in July-see below) thus reducing greenhouse gases, and hence global warming. It applies from July 2004 to new houses, from July 2005 to flat buildings, and from July 2006 to alterations (only those that are fully enclosed, not to verandahs. Also, the requirements apply only to the part of the dwelling altered or extended.)

The energy and water savings add from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to the cost of a new dwelling. However, they also reduce running costs by \$300 to \$600 per annum. Consequently, developers don't see the benefit and have resisted BASIX from the beginning. They are currently pressuring the Government not to increase reduction to 40% in 2006. However, individual owners benefit financially in the long term, and immediately in other ways.

BASIX is a web-based tool plus a paper requirement. It is free, takes about one hour to complete, and can be used by the

owner, architect, designer, project manager or development company. There are also companies that offer this as a service. BASIX calculates average performance based on the dimensions of the dwelling and garden.

The three considerations are Water, Energy and Thermal Comfort.

Water: reductions are achieved through rainwater tanks (which attract a rebate), showerheads, dual flush toilets, flow regulators, water efficient appliances (washers also attract a rebate) and indigenous plant species.

Thermal Comfort: achieved through pergolas, louvres, insulation, lighter paint, overhanging eaves, performance glazing, cross ventilation and orientation of living areas.

Energy: consumption reduced by solar and gas heating, flued heating, ceiling fans, evaporative cooling, energy efficient lights, natural lighting, drying lines and energy efficient appliances.

BASIX overrides all other Council requirements, but is itself overridden by heritage considerations. This is still an area being debated, but Andrew is confident in most



Andrew Thomas explains BASIX.
Photo: Bruce Davis

cases both energy savings and heritage conservation can be achieved.

Despite the small audience, the discussion was lively. Bob Armstrong asked if the cost of producing materials, such as aluminium, was considered. Apparently the intention is to do so, but of the nine eventual goals, only three have been achieved in four years. Jan Macindoe commented that because of the special requirements of the City only a limited range of measures could be taken, and suggested the City provide to the public a range of solutions that were suitable.

-Neil Macindoe

Two Glebe Society members tell us about Anzac Day commemorations overseas

Gallipoli and The Somme - a Tour of the Great War Battlefields

On seeing an advertisement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* for a tour of the battlefields of Gallipoli and The Somme led by the historian Jonathan King I decided to join it. As it turned out the Gallipoli part of the tour was cancelled but I accepted an invitation to tour the Gallipoli peninsula with a group organised by The Australian War Memorial and then transferred to the tour of The Somme. Both tours were well organised with guides who were thoroughly conversant with the history of the campaigns involving Australian troops and guides who spoke the local language fluently. I can recommend any tour in which the AWM is involved because they are the experts in the field but I don't want to suggest that they are the only tours worth taking. Your travel agent should be able to advise you on this. In any case for any Australian interested in the history of his country a tour of the battlefields of the First World War is well worth while. In order to give a reasonably full account of the experience I will deal here only with the Gallipoli tour.

France celebrates its national day on 14 July, the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille in 1789; the USA celebrates the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on 4 July 1776. Australia's official national day is the anniversary of the landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788 but this celebration has always posed two problems; Australia did not become a nation until Federation in 1901 and for the descendants of aboriginal Australians 26 January 1788 can only mean the day their country was invaded and therefore nothing to celebrate. It has become increasingly apparent that our *de facto* national day is Anzac Day the anniversary of the landing on the Gallipoli peninsula of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on 25 April 1915. It was the first

time that the Australian Imperial Force had been in action as an army recruited from every state. That anniversary has been observed, with fluctuating popularity, on every 25 April since 1915 even though the Dardanelles campaign never achieved its purpose of taking Turkey out of the war.

Few Australians would be aware that Turkey has its equivalent of Anzac Day. It is the anniversary of 18 March 1915 in which they celebrate the defeat of the attempt of a combined British and French fleet to force a passage through the Dardanelles, bombard Constantinople (Istanbul) and open up the Black Sea route to Russia. The attempt resulted in heavy losses inflicted by mines and shore batteries on both sides of the Dardanelles, leading to the decision to land troops on

the peninsula to take out the batteries. As we know now the whole campaign was ill conceived and badly managed. The Turks who had fought indifferently in the Middle East for the Ottoman empire fought fiercely in defence of their homeland and succeeded in repelling the invaders, thanks largely to the courage and initiative of Major Mustafa Kemal.

There are some common misconceptions among Australians about the

Gallipoli campaign. The first is that it was a predominantly Anzac campaign: in fact the Anzacs played only a minor part. There were many more British, French and Indian troops involved in landings at Cape Helles in the south of the peninsula and later at Suvla Bay to the north of Anzac Cove. Another is that the landing of the Anzacs further north than was intended was a disaster. In fact it was an advantage because the Turks, having decided that nobody in their right mind would decide to land there, had left the beach lightly defended and the first troops to land were not only unopposed but undetected. There were later actions such as the ill-fated charges by the Light Horse at The Nek which were disasters but on the whole Australian troops gave a

good account of themselves and earned the respect of their English commander General Birdwood.

If you are going to Gallipoli in April, which you'll need to do if you want to attend the Dawn Service at Anzac Cove and the later Australian memorial service at Lone Pine, be prepared to do a lot of walking over rough ground in cold and windy conditions and, if you are with a tour, expect to visit many cemeteries. If Anzac means anything to you at all you couldn't fail to be moved by these words spoken by Kemal Ataturk, first President of the democratic Republic of Turkey, in 1934:

"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace ... here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives in this land they have become our sons as well".

After the Gallipoli tour I flew to Paris to join the Fairfax tour of the battlefields in Belgium and the north of France but that is another story.

- Ian Edwards

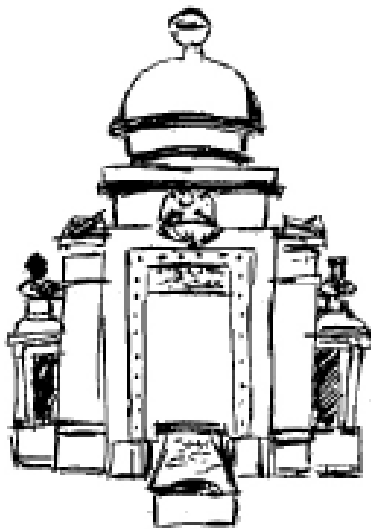
Anzac Day Vienna 2006

I was overseas recently and, as a consequence, missed the annual Anzac Day service in Glebe. However, I was in the fortunate situation of being able to attend the Anzac Day 2006 Commemoration at the Residence of the Australian Ambassador to Austria, Ms Deborah Stokes. This was a joint commemoration, with the New Zealand Ambassador, Ms Barbara Bridge, present. The ceremony was also attended by the Turkish Ambassador.

Present were Aussies and Kiwis of all ages, and from all walks of life, including a number of Rotary exchange students.

It is heartening to think that each year similar gatherings take place at Australian embassies around the world on 25th April and that Aussies travelling or working overseas have an opportunity to pay tribute on this special day.

- Liz Simpson-Booker



John Cotter (1875–1917) and Albert Cotter (1883–1917)

John and Albert Cotter are among the many brothers commemorated in Glebe's war memorial. Like the more than 61,500 other Australian volunteers who were killed in World War I, their final resting places are on the other side of the globe.

John's name is inscribed (with 54,900 others) on the Menin Gate, Belgium. This gate, through which Allied soldiers marched to the battlefields of Ypres, became the site for a memorial to those who were killed in the area but had no known grave. Albert was buried in the Palestine 1 Beersheba War Cemetery. Now in Israel, Beersheba lies 43 kilometres south-east of Gaza. By July 1918, the cemetery contained 139 bodies, increased to 1,241 after the Armistice. The brothers' war service, and their battalion colours, are featured on the Cotter family's monument in Sydney's Waverley Cemetery.

Albert and John were killed within weeks of each other. Two other siblings met violent deaths.

The Cotter home was *Monteith* at 266 Glebe Point Road, a building now classified by the National Trust. Cotter Lane, so named by 1911, borders the property.

John Henry Cotter, an English butcher, married Margaret Hay Pattison, a Scot, in 1875. While living at 132 Phillip Street they had six boys: William Henry, John, Arthur Dale, Edwin, Norman and Albert. In 1889 they moved to 98 Bridge Road before, two years later, taking up residence in *Monteith*. This home remained in the family until the death of the oldest son, William, in 1950.

Albert, nicknamed "Tibby" because he was small, came to public attention as a cricketer. He was educated at two establishments where playing the game was encouraged. Fellow pupils at Forest Lodge Superior Public School included cricketers Charles Kellaway and Warren Bardsley. While at Sydney Grammar for his final two years of schooling he played in matches against Melbourne Grammar.

In Melbourne in 1899 he took 6 for 53, including the wicket of future Prime Minister S M Bruce. In 1900 he bowled 7 for 57. With the Glebe District Cricket Club he established a reputation with both bat and ball. In 1907 he scored 152 runs for Glebe, including 16 sixes and six fours. He was also a fine Rugby three-quarter with the Glebe "Dirty Reds" team.

Aged 18, Tibby made his cricketing debut for New South Wales against Victoria. At 20 he was selected to bowl for Australia, touring England with Joe Darling's team in 1905 and with Montague Noble in 1909. The career of "Terror Cotter" ended in 1911 when he, Noble, Victor Trumper and others split with the Board of Control.

When he enlisted on 15 April 1915 Albert gave his profession as lawyer but at the time he was employed as a book-keeper with the Riverstone Meat Company, a beef and mutton killing works on Sydney's fringe. His reputation as a former sporting champion was seen as powerful publicity

for the AIF and his image was used on a recruitment poster. Despite his lack of riding ability he was accepted into the Australian Light Horse and on 9 August 1915 he sailed aboard the *Runic*. After taking part in the final months of the Gallipoli campaign, he was deployed to Palestine. In May 1917 he was promoted to lance corporal, but at his own request reverted to trooper. On 31 October, while serving as a stretcher-bearer, he was shot dead by a Turk at close range at the third Battle of Gaza. His body was photographed before burial. A brass memorial in the Members' Pavilion of the Sydney Cricket Ground commemorates the only Australian Test cricketer killed in the Great War.

His older brother had five namesakes Australia-wide who enlisted. John was 40 when he signed up on 7 September 1915, a dental mechanic and single like his brother. He embarked with Reinforcements, 4th Infantry Battalion, on the transport *Kyarra* on 3 June 1916, bound for France and the Western Front. His

battalion took part in actions against the German army in the Somme Valley and in increasingly difficult conditions around the strategically important Belgian town of Ypres. John was killed on 4 October 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres, the major British offensive in Flanders that year.

Albert and John's father, a Justice of the Peace, died in 1922, aged 83. Their mother, who had seen four sons predecease her, died in 1936. Arthur, then living at Glenbrook, was run over by a train in 1921. His body, lying between Macdonaldtown and Newtown stations, was identified by his season rail ticket. He left a widow and young son, Norman. In 1929 Gosford Police discovered the body of Edwin, who had fallen from a Sydney-bound train. A draughtsman, he was still living in the Cotter family home.

- Lyn Collingwood



"Tibby" Cotter



Photo by Frank Hurley, Australian War Memorial Negative No. E00833

Journey's End, **by R C Sherriff**

"There's not a man left who was here when I came"

The New Theatre
542 King Street Newtown
15 June – 15 July 2006

Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8pm; Sunday at 5.30pm

(Preview Wednesday 14 June at 8pm)

Tickets \$25/\$20; \$10

Bookings: 9519 8958

www.newtheatre.org.au

Lyn Collingwood, a frequent contributor to the *Bulletin*, is helping with the costumes for this play and asked us to give it a plug.



Glebe Matters



Talk and slide show at gleebooks

To celebrate the reprint of his bestselling *City of Shadows*, Peter Doyle returns to gleebooks to talk and show photographs relating specifically to Glebe and surrounding suburbs.

Where: Upstairs@ gleebooks

49 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

When: Wednesday 28 June, 6.30 for 7pm

Cost: \$9/\$6 concession including for Glebe Society members. gleeclub welcome

Book: 9660 2333, gleebooks.com.au/ events

Special offer for Glebe Society members- come to this great event and receive 10% discount on the cost of the book (\$65) on the night.

City of Shadows

Sydney police photographs, 1912-1948

Peter Doyle (with Caleb Williams)

In the early twentieth century, Sydney police produced a vast photographic record of streets, alleys, pubs, shops, kitchens, parlours, bedrooms and other scenes of crime and calamity. They also photographed the men, women and children who found themselves involved, whether as perpetrators, victims or simply as bystanders. These unsentimental, expertly produced images are wholly unlike anything else from the time, although they anticipate such modern visual styles as film noir. In the late 1980s four tonnes of these negatives were rescued from a flooded government warehouse and relocated to Sydney's Justice & Police Museum. Author Peter Doyle spent three years sifting through the chaotic, undocumented archive, selecting images and uncovering the stories which lay behind them. *City of Shadows* offers an intimate, raw and often hauntingly beautiful record of the mysterious people and dark places of a lost Sydney.

Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library Monster Book Sale



Saturday 3 June, 9am to 4pm at Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

Donations of books in good condition can be dropped off at the Library on Friday 2 June between 9am and midday.

Or to arrange collection, phone Allison (9660 7869), Ros (9660 7430) or Chris (9660 8349).

All funds go to the Glebe Library.

Forest Lodge Public School parents are having a Sausage Sizzle and a Cake Stall.

There will be a collection box for birthday presents (unwrapped please) for disadvantaged children aged 5 to 12 who attend Centipede out of school hours care in the grounds of Glebe Public School.



Glebe Rowing Club Open Day - 17 June

Glebe Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Road, is holding an Open Day on Saturday 17 June, 3.30pm to 6.30pm, for local people to come and enjoy the Club and its surroundings.

Hear something of the history of one of Glebe's oldest institutions. See the Club's display of memorabilia.

There will be a barbecue from 3.30pm and at about 5.30pm, Max Solling will give an illustrated talk.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn even more about our suburb. Everyone is welcome.



Garden talkfest - Glebe Gardens 1820 to 2010

A fascinating evening forum on heritage and futuristic small gardens in Glebe – from terrace courtyards to apartment balconies, from traditional gardens to outdoor living spaces.

A panel of local landscape design, heritage and horticultural experts will talk on Glebe's small domestic gardens - an opportunity to find out about the history of our gardens and ideas for modern day outside spaces, especially given the shortage of water and time.

Find the answer to questions such as:

Where are the blackwattles of Blackwattle Bay?

What were the earliest plants in colonial gardens?

Can you balance heritage with modern taste?

Wednesday 15 November, 7- 9pm at Glebe Rowing Club. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Glebe Art Show 2006

The opening of this year's Art Show and awarding of prizes will be held on Friday 30 June at 6pm at Benledi. The exhibition continues every day until 9 July from 11am to 6pm at Benledi during this period and in regular library hours. This year new arrangements have been made for the library to be open from 12 midday to 4pm on Saturday 1 and Saturday 8 July, as well as Sunday 2 July from 11am to 4m.

Enquiries should be directed to me on 9660 8936.

- Robin Lawrence

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 1 June. There is no need to book, so just turn up and BYO wine. Put Thursday 6 July in your diary too.

Welcome to New Member

Peter Kolbe was accepted as a member at the May Management Committee meeting. We look forward to seeing him at future Glebe Society functions.

Historic House for Sale

An original Glebe three-storey terrace will become available for sale in a month's time. This 21-foot terrace sits on a block of land that stretches from street to street, allowing a rear yard of a size typical of a whole Glebe block. If you are seeking a heritage terrace with multi-car access, email glebeterrace@hotmail.com

Cigarette Butt Litter

City of Sydney Rangers are maintaining a crackdown on the littering of cigarette butts as part of a Council campaign to discourage the practice.

In the past month, Rangers have:

- Issued 20 infringement notices,
- Spoken with more than 500 smokers and reminded them of the requirements,
- Warned more than 100 smokers who did not toss their butts in a bin,
- Issued 23 clean-up notices to businesses

City research shows that more than 5.3 million butts are littered each year in the CBD, Glebe and Kings Cross areas alone.

Fines are \$60 for deliberately dropping a cigarette butt on the ground.

City of Sydney Garden Competition

City of Sydney residents who love their gardens are being encouraged to enter the Council's 3rd annual Garden Competition.

The overall winner will receive a \$2,500 voucher for garden and home improvement products from a leading supplier, and each of the six category winners will receive a \$1,000 voucher.

Prizes will be presented by Clover Moore at a special ceremony in September.

To obtain an application form and judging criteria call 9265-9254 or visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au. Entries close on Friday 25 August 2006. Note that all entries must be visible from the street.

- City of Sydney Media Release, 17 May 2006

Have you worked on Cockatoo Island? At Chowder Bay? At Woolwich Dock?

The Harbour Trust is conserving the cultural history of its sites through the tales and memories of people who have been associated with its various sites. The Harbour Trust is interviewing these people and recording their oral histories. The recordings and transcripts of this project will provide snapshots of the sites' histories and the impact they have had on people's lives.

The Harbour Trust is keen to hear from former civilian and military people who have worked on any of its eight sites.

More information: Resource Centre Coordinator on (02) 8969 2100 or email info@harbourtrust.gov.au.

The Leichhardt Historical Journal

In the March 2006 issue of *Descent* (v 36, part 1, 19-23), published by the Society of Australian Genealogists, Dr Ken Knight discusses the *Leichhardt Historical Journal (LHJ)* as a research source for family historians. The article also provides a brief history of the journal, its editors and its contributors, noting that family and local history studies are "clearly interdependent".

Issue No 24 of the *LHJ* is eagerly awaited as it will contain, hopefully, Part 2 of Max Solling's article *Glebe: A semi-rural retreat – places, people and society in Glebe 1828-1861*.

Bulletins by email?

The list of people who have asked to receive the *Glebe Society Bulletin* by email is growing. If you would like to help save the environment, please send an email to editor@glebesociety.org.au.

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Forest Lodge Public School

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Phone 9660 3530

For your diary ...

Thursday 1 June, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Dinner at *La Tavolaccia*, 355 Glebe Point Road.

Friday 2 June - take your surplus books to the Library for the Book Fair.

Saturday 3 June, 9am - Annual "Friends of *Benledi* Library" Book Fair.

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

Saturday 17 June, 3.30pm to 6.30pm - Glebe Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Road - Open Day.

Wednesday 28 June, 6.30 for 7pm - gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road - Peter Doyle's talk and slide show; *City of Shadows*. See p9 for details.

Friday 30 June - Sunday 9 July - Annual Glebe Art Competition.

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

Wednesday 12 July, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome.

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Website

The Society has a growing website (www.glebesociety.org.au) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe.

The website will only flourish if members 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 email editor@glebesociety.org.au

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Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published in June. The deadline for contributions is **Wednesday 21 June**.

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Individual member	\$45
Joint (2 people, one address)	\$55
Household (more than 2 adults and/or children, one address)	\$60
Concession (student or pensioner)	\$20
Business or institution	\$110

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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