



Celebrating the Foreshore Walk

Here's another reason to remember the eleventh of November. It's the day that the Foreshore Walk will be officially opened by our Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, at 2pm.

The occasion will be celebrated from 2pm to 4pm and everyone is invited.

Come to the end of Glebe Point Road and turn right. Follow the Foreshore Walk past *The Pavilions* to the area in front of *The Anchorage* on Blackwattle Bay. There you will find a hive of activity, with a worm farm display and other stalls with environmental information. The Glebe Society has arranged for *Boules Artistes* to show you how to play pétanque and there is a draw to win a \$900 bicycle.

Bring a blanket or chairs, so you can enjoy the food and drinks that will be provided by Council. Entertainment will include indigenous performances and live jazz. Shade from the sun will be



Pétanque practice session. Photo: Bruce Davis

provided, but you might need to bring a hat and insect repellent.

Look out for a leaflet in your mailbox giving further information.

We all say 'no' to Dry Boat Storage

There were over two hundred people at the meeting in Glebe Town Hall on Thursday 12 October, and not one of them approved of the proposed development of a dry boat storage facility in Rozelle Bay

The meeting was arranged by the Glebe Society, supported by many other groups, including:

- Annandale North Precinct Committee
- Blackwattle Cove Coalition,
- The Dragon Boats Association
- Glebe Chamber of Commerce
- Glebe Point Road Residents Group
- Glebe Rowing Club
- NSW Rowing Association
- Save Rozelle Bay Association



View from Glebe Point Road.

John Buckingham, in opening, told the meeting "there can be no compromises - it is all or nothing. The Development Application must be totally accepted or totally rejected as the Master Plan supports a proposal of this sort".

He said that attendance at the meeting, although important, was irrelevant unless everyone present made a written submission on the proposal to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority before 20 October, in addition to signing the attendance list and petition which were circulated at the meeting. He also suggested that people join a group appropriate to them to continue the fight.

Tony Larkum (Convenor of the Glebe Society Bays and Foreshores Sub-committee) gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation.

He was followed by four speakers who described the impact of the proposed development on their areas of interest.

David Lawrence (Save Rozelle Bay Association) spoke about Annandale. He told the meeting about the campaign by Annandale residents in 1987, almost 20 years ago, to oppose two attempts to impose a marina at

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the Annandale end of Rozelle Bay. That proposal was defeated because of the contamination in the Bay and the probable impact on the traditional users, the rowers.

Jan Wilson asked us to visualise a building as high as the existing grain silos and as long as a football field alongside another building and a multi storey car park to appreciate the bulk of structures to be viewed from Glebe. She said that this is **not** a development that is in keeping with a maritime working harbour. It is a commercial land-based activity together with movement of boats in Rozelle Bay.

Melanie Cantwell (President, Dragon Boat Association), said that one of the objectives of the 2002 Masterplan for the area was to “safeguard the continued use of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays for non-motorised, water-based recreational activities such as rowing and canoeing”. However the DA proposes up to 23 additional powerboats per hour (one every three minutes based on their figures) entering and exiting through the Bays, all passive craft to be confined to the southern shore, despite the shallow water and moored boats and a large number of small powerboats using the Old Glebe Island Bridge to enter and exit the Bays (the applicant argues that up to three powerboats can enter the Bays at the same time and along with passive craft).

Jane Spring (President, Sydney University Women’s Rowing Club), told us about the success in international competitions of people who had learned to row in Rozelle Bay. (Jane also presented a DYI Dissent segment on the Statewide TV program on Friday 11 October.)

After the panel answered several questions from the floor, the three foreshadowed motions were discussed by the meeting and passed unanimously. Copies of these motions had been made available to everyone at the meeting. A fourth motion was also introduced during the meeting and passed overwhelmingly. (See our Website www.glebesociety.org.au for full details of these motions.)

After suggestions from the floor about future possible activities, John Buckingham thanked everyone for attending the meeting, reminding them to sign the Attendance Lists and the Petition and to write letters to the relevant people.

-Edwina Doe

Glebe Society Submission on Rozelle Bay Dry Boat Storage and Marina

The details of this proposed development are well-known to members at this stage. **The Society totally opposes this development.** It is not fighting for a reduction in the size of buildings, or in operating hours, or for fewer boats. **It is fighting to have a totally different use for this site.** It opposes the very nature of this proposal. The introduction of an extra 370 daily boat movements in Rozelle Bay, and those movements by powerful outboard and stern driven boats, would have a catastrophic impact on the residents of Glebe, on the users of the park, on the bay itself and on the bay’s traditional users.

The Society’s submission can be viewed in full on our website at www.glebesociety.org.au but is summarised here.

The submission was in three parts

1. a three page covering letter which gave us the opportunity to complain about flaws in the process and outline the Society’s preferred alternative style of development;
2. the submission proper which examined the proposed development’s particular impacts on Glebe in the context of the Development Application’s accompanying *Environmental Assessment* and *The Glebe Society’s Bays and Foreshores Policy*;
3. *The Glebe Society Incorporated’s Bays and Foreshores Policy* which reveals the Society’s long-held policy on both Blackwattle Bay and Rozelle Bay.

1] The Covering Letter

- established the Glebe Society’s credentials covering almost forty years;
- dealt with flaws in the Master Plan, particularly the height and bulk permitted for on-shore development that is quite out of scale with these bays;
- castigated both the developer and Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority for their poor communication and token consultations with the “stakeholders”;
- criticised the buildings’ design which would create a “walled” effect along the northern shore;
- referred to the apparent conflict

between authorities where at once some authorities are giving recognition to the cultural and historical heritage of the bays and are promoting the passive use of the bays through canoe launching ramps and a dedicated dragon boat launching area (under the eastern pylon of The Anzac Bridge) while others are promoting its antithesis through this proposal;

- complained about the use of the cumulative effect of noise in Glebe and pollution in Rozelle Bay becoming the accepted base upon which this development can make more noise and create more pollution – “Glebe is noisy, so it doesn’t matter if we make it a bit noisier” and “Rozelle Bay is polluted, so it doesn’t matter if we make it a bit more polluted” seems to be the argument.;
- outlined the Glebe Society’s alternative style of development for the site.

2] The Submission proper

This, the main part of our response, dealt with the features of the development covered in the *Assessment* that are likely to have the most serious impact on Glebe.

The Introduction expressed our strenuous opposition to the proposal on the grounds of loss of amenity for locals, park-users and the traditional users of the bay. It referred to the on-shore buildings as being totally out of scale with the rest of the northern shore; the water-based development as being totally out of scale with the bay; the proposed presence in the bay of powerful motorboats is incompatible with the well-being of the skiffs, sculls, dragon boats, canoes and kayaks which have traditionally used the bay. It summarised problems with the bay in terms of such things as contamination and lack of flushing and pointed out the negative impact the proposed development would have on the remedial measures underway for the bay. The inappropriateness of 24/7/365 availability was pointed out as was the 370 seat restaurant/café complex operating until midnight just 200 metres across water from a dense residential area. *The Introduction* made the point that there were an infinite number of specific problems with the development but stated **“the real issue here is that it is the concept, the actual**

nature of the development, the absolute inappropriateness of the development that is the real problem.”

The **Water Quality** section outlined in detail deficiencies in the Development Application’s *Environmental Assessment* in this area in particular its failure to deal with anything beyond the sediments in the immediate vicinity of this site and its failure to take a holistic approach to the local bays and their water quality. In doing so it ignores the compounding effects of adding pollutants such as diuron, xylene and toluene to already heavily stressed sediments and biota. It makes reference to earlier studies on the bays which list them among the most contaminated areas of the harbour. This section argues that rather than exacerbating the problems in this highly impacted estuarine area, regeneration of the natural marine animal and plant communities of the bays is needed.

The **Planning** section of our response suggested the root cause of the problem is the Master Plan itself which seems to promote this sort of noisy, out-of-scale, inappropriate development. However we did note those areas where the proposal exceeds even the ludicrously generous parameters of the Master Plan.

The main **Visual Impact** noted was the largest of the four buildings soaring to nearly 100 feet (28 metres) in an area entirely low-rise. The bulk of these buildings was also contrasted with the lightness and elegance of the Anzac Bridge which shares the same skyline.

Air Quality could only suffer with the introduction of petrol and diesel fumes and would be detrimental to rowers/paddlers and park users.

Noise was tackled in a broad way in the body of our submission through our concerns that the ambient level of noise that determines how much extra noise can be tolerated, is infinitely cumulative. Thus the extra noise that Glebe suffers that can be sourced to the Anzac Bridge, and the even more noise that Glebe will experience in the future should the Cross-city Tunnel draw more traffic to the Anzac Bridge, becomes the new base on which to add more noise. For the more significant part of our response in the area of noise we are indebted to Fergus Fricke who served as our honorary consultant. The thirty-five technical issues he raised on how the *Environmental Assessment* dealt with noise are to be found in the *Appendix* section of our response.



Tam walkers along Bicentennial Park

Drawings by David Mander Jones

Traffic was not anticipated as a major concern for Glebe but reference was made to the possibility of the park’s new ramps and wharves being used as pick-up/drop-off points for boat passengers thus increasing the traffic and creating parking problems in certain sections of Glebe, but more importantly causing the motorboats to cross the paths of rowed and paddled craft. We suggested too that during the building phase in particular, heavy trucks might be inclined to use Glebe’s residential streets.

The **Sustainable Development** section was thought to be misleading in terms of the Commonwealth Government’s definition of ESD. Further we criticised the proposal for its failure to comply with best building practice in terms of ESD.

We rated the **Impact on Traditional Users of the Bay** as nothing short of catastrophic, giving no recognition to the heritage value of the 120-year-old rowing course and increasing the danger to rowers/paddlers exponentially. We pointed out that it is the very features of these land-locked, non-flushing, lake-like bays that make them at once so unsuitable for powerful motorboats and so ideal for rowers/paddlers.

Our **Conclusion** found that the proposal had “... no redeemable features, largely because it is so inappropriate to this site in terms of its purpose.”

The **Appendices** included

- Fergus Fricke’s issues with the Noise Impact Statement;
- The tabulation of the Society’s concerns over the Development

Application in relation to existing regional and local plans including the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan; The Rozelle Bay Master Plan; and, Sydney Harbour Foreshore and Waterways Development Control Plan.

3] The Glebe Society Incorporated’s Bays and Foreshores Policy (revised 2003)

This was included to establish that the Society was not making some sort of spontaneous, “nimby” response to an unpalatable development. The Society believes that the northern shore of Rozelle Bay should be “working harbour” but disputes that the proposal is genuinely “working harbour”. Our policy stresses that such genuine maritime industry must: be appropriate; be small scale; be non-alienating; maximise views to and from the water; not conflict with present uses; and, support those genuine waterfront activities at present undertaken in the bays.

- John Buckingham

Keeping our waterways clean

If you see garbage floating in our bays or harbour, here is how to report it.

The direct line to the Team Leader of the NSW Maritime response boat is 9563 8592. This number transfers to a mobile number on the boat and is operational 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Check the website for other means of contact; www.waterways.nsw.gov.au/contactus.html#Offices.

- Jan Wilson

The Environment

Chamber Joins Glebe Greens

The development of appropriate abatement policies for global warming remains high on the agenda of the Glebe Society. Our sub-committee, Glebe against Global Warming (GaGW) meets regularly to promote the issue within the Glebe Society and in the general community. The Glebe Chamber of Commerce has responded favourably to an approach on the issue and will discuss the matter at their next general meeting. The City of Sydney Council is very much on side and has developed a series of policies and strategies to minimise unnecessary energy usage and to lower emissions from vehicles.

Major reductions in CO₂ emissions will depend on the appropriate political activity. All candidates for the forthcoming state elections should be asked to indicate their policies on global warming abatement, so that the electorate can take this issue into consideration in determining their voting preferences. Getup has initiated an online campaign to obtain 250,000 signatures stressing the importance of the global warming problem

The recent legal action taken by the State of California against the automobile industry for its failure to take appropriate steps to minimize emissions highlights the importance of this issue. Such legal action is unlikely to be undertaken in Australia but the action is important to indicate to all agencies with significant CO₂ emissions that legal action could

occur in the future if efforts are not made to minimise these omissions.

GaGW will be encouraging all community groups to make the issue of global warming abatement a high priority in their policies and activities. GaGW was represented at the recent CANA conference and will provide a full report on that conference in a later edition of the *Bulletin*.

Cost is a major deterrent for individuals who wish to implement energy reduction strategies in their homes. GaGW will be developing specific costings for photovoltaic cells, solar heating systems and household water harvesting. The South Australian Government is now providing subsidies for photovoltaic cells on homes which should provide an impetus for the federal government to make such subsidies generally available.

Glebe Society Bulletin readers are recommended to read the *The Bulletin*, 17 October 2006, to learn about geothermal energy developments and other important issues in the global warming debate. It is heartening to know that Ian Campbell, the federal environment Minister firmly believes that global warming is the major issue facing the world today.

The *Glebe Society Bulletin* will continue to provide our readers with developments in the campaign to control global warming.

- Bill McCarthy

Water Water Everywhere ...

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP has announced a \$2.3m water reuse scheme to drought proof Hyde Park and Cook + Phillip Park, and watering CBD street trees and floral displays, could be under construction by mid 2007. She says:

“The innovative plan is unique as it involves public private partnerships and uses multiple sources of water to drought proof major parks in a highly urbanised environment.” Ms Moore said.

“With water becoming an increasingly precious resource, this proposal taps into existing water sources which are currently going to waste.”

“The additional water means we can maintain Hyde Park and Cook + Phillip Park to high class standards, reduce the demand on Sydney’s dams and save money at the same time,”

This is a good move, but what about wasted water in the rest of the LGA? When the rain does come, the gutters in Glebe change to rivers rushing into the bays. Could this water be trapped and recycled?

And don’t get me talking about recycled sewage! As a Londoner for the first 25 years of my life, I see nothing wrong with it - not just dual systems, but all water recycled to potable quality. I lived near Mogden Sewage Farm and used to buy “recycled” potting mix from our local plant nursery. And I can even remember Mogden staff using the methane gas produced there to power their cars during the second World War.

-- Edwina Doe

International Day of Action on Climate Change - Saturday, 4 November

The Australian Government doesn’t care about climate change. We know you do.

The Government will only take real action on climate change and protect our kids’ futures if you to tell them to. Join thousands of other Australians in a peaceful walk urging action on climate change now.

Meet at 11am at Martin Place and walk to Tarpeian Way next to the Botanic Gardens.

Jan Wilson told us about this event. See the Website <http://lists.cat.org.au/mailman/listinfo/ecoliving-permaculture> (which is sponsored by UNSW) for more information.

Saving trees

If you would like to receive your *Bulletin* by email instead of snail mail, please tell editor@glebesociety.org.au.

Glebe Gardens 1820 – 2010



Wednesday 15 November. Glebe Rowing Club. Don’t forget to book! Complete the flyer in the last Bulletin or check the Glebe Society website.

RSVP by Thursday 9 November.

Keep the "Glebe" in Glebe Point Road

If you want to ensure that Glebe Point Road retains its unique character, it is important that you attend the meeting called by the City Council for Monday, 6 November (Glebe Town Hall, 6-8:30pm).

As I have written on several previous occasions, the plans drawn up by Council to refurbish Glebe Point Road correct long-standing deficiencies, and have many advantages such as the undergrounding of power lines, and upgrading of footpaths for a long section of the street.

But the project should be as much about the character of the street as the engineering, and there have been warnings from several quarters that we will need to be vigilant to ensure that the makeover does not result in Glebe Point looking like any other street in the LGA.

The Coalition of Glebe Groups (CoGG) made a written response to the draft plan on behalf of the Glebe Society, the Chamber of Commerce, The Glebe Community Action Group and the Glebe Point Residents Group, and a deputation from CoGG met the Director of City Projects, Mr Russell Lloyd, on 16 October.

The CoGG submission stated: "... it is unfortunate that the current proposals do not go further ... CoGG believes this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make a significant difference, and while the current concept design is workmanlike it lacks inspiration."

The following are extracts from the submission addressing specific points:

Glebe's distinctive character

"We note that the preservation of Glebe's distinctive character is listed as a principle guiding the concept development. However we are concerned that the use of City of Sydney standard items of street furniture will undermine this. While we have no problem with the design of several of the J C Decaux items, their modern style may not sit well with Glebe Point Road's predominantly Victorian character. And the three part garbage bins are an utter failure. The proposal to use bluestone for kerbing in a suburb where sandstone was traditionally used ... is not acceptable."

Pedestrians

"While pedestrian amenity and safety is listed as a core objective, it is implemented

by making sure pedestrians stay on their appointed place. The concept design perpetuates the dominance of cars, buses and trucks in Glebe Point Road ...

"CoGG argued in its initial submission that the balance should be redressed, but shared zones were rejected because the current numbers of vehicle movements are said to make them impractical. While authorities continue to treat pedestrians as second-class citizens, and are unwilling to make any decision which might disadvantage motor vehicles, traffic volumes will continue to grow and the plight of the pedestrian will grow ever worse."

Extent of works

"... it is unfortunate that [the improvements proposed] cannot be applied to the full length of the street at this stage. CoGG urges Council to include funding for the completion of the task in next year's budget so as to maintain the unity of the street. CoGG also urges Council to develop and schedule a street upgrade plan for the Ross Street commercial precinct."

After the bricks and mortar

"The physical upgrade of Glebe Point Road is a useful first step towards the revitalisation of the street's commercial life. CoGG requests that Council continue to cooperate closely with CoGG, the Chamber of Commerce and the community groups in the development and implementation of positioning and marketing strategies, and steps towards attracting suitable business and institutions to Glebe Point Road."

Discussion with Russell Lloyd

CoGG's discussion with Mr Lloyd were amicable but left us with the impression that Council staff (but perhaps not the councillors) will oppose any significant changes to the current plan.

Mr Lloyd pointed out that the choice of materials and street furnishings was dictated largely by considerations of cost and durability, rather than the need to preserve the character of the street.

With regard to pedestrian priority, he commented that the RTA and the STA are implacably opposed to anything that interferes with traffic flow. Even the thought of replacing the proposed traffic lights outside the school with a special road surface designed to slow drivers and

alert them to the presence of pedestrians was likely to upset Sydney Buses.

CoGG members proposed to the City that, if shared zones are not possible, the City should find other means of greatly increasing pedestrian comfort in Glebe Point Road. For example, could part of Mitchell Street and Derby Place be reserved for pedestrian refuges and similar uses? The City agreed to look at these possibilities closely.

It is unlikely that our civic fathers will again smile so generously on our favourite street for many, many years, so come along on Monday, 6 November and help them get it right!

- Bruce Davis - Chair, CoGG



Letter to the Editor

Dear Members

A pyrrhic victory?

Taking into account residents' objections, Council has firmly rejected the Rooftop Backpackers DA. What this means is open to some interpretation. While this may be a precedent in stopping Glebe from turning into another Manly or Bondi, it could also be a hollow victory. As the premises seem to have already been converted at great expense and have been operating as a backpackers' hostel since early this year, it is possible that this could continue if the developer and owner appeals to the Land and Environment Court, to realise his heavy investment. It remains to be seen what course of action Council will take and whether it will crack down on the noisy drunks who regularly party till dawn on the roof. However all has been quiet for five days, since the last outburst of drunks raving like lunatics on the roof until 5am on Wednesday [11 October].

Interesting and testing times may still lie ahead, and the show may go on for a while.

The Glebe Society is thanked for its support.

- Joe Palmer

Survey of Glebe Society Members

There was a very good response to the Survey of Glebe Society members, which was included with membership renewal forms for 2006/7. Here are the findings.

What should the Glebe Society concentrate on?

Members were asked to rank 12 listed topics in order of importance, where the most important topic was ranked '1' and the least important '12'.

By 20 October, 106 questionnaires had been received with rankings which were able to be used.

If everyone placed a topic first, the average score would be 1.0. If everyone placed a topic last the average score would be 12.0. For the purpose of averaging, "no reply" was counted as 12.

As Table 1 shows, "Protecting and preserving Glebe's built heritage" was by far the most important activity for the Glebe Society, with an average score of 3.6.

"Social events for members" was rated as the least important activity, with an average score of 9.8, although these events are well attended by members.

"Improving the environment (air, water etc)" was ranked towards the bottom of the list. However this topic was included before the new sub-committee "Glebe against Global Warming" was launched.

Gender and age made very little difference to the ranking scores.

Who are the Glebe Society members?

In the questionnaires received by 20 October, 120 members gave answers to all or some of the demographic questions.

As Table 2 shows, about two thirds of these members are female and one third male. (Two people didn't tick the box for gender.)

One third of respondents are aged under 60 and two thirds are 60 and over.

Over half the members responding to the survey (55%) are in full-time or part-time employment.

Over nine in ten members (92%) are residents of Glebe, the majority only since 1990. Most of the others either used to live in Glebe or have a business here.

- Edwina Doe

Table 1 - Members' Priorities

Average rankings of topics, in descending order of importance	All respondents (106)
Protecting and preserving Glebe's built heritage	3.6
Controlling development on the bays and foreshores	5.0
Improving and maintaining Glebe's parks and open spaces	5.3
Ensuring public access to Glebe's foreshore	5.4
Town planning and the built environment	5.6
Improving the vitality of Glebe Point Road	5.7
Public transport, traffic and parking	6.3
Working within the community to improve the quality of life for all Glebe residents	7.2
Improving the environment (air, water etc)	7.7
Returning Wentworth Park to the people	8.4
Preservation and re-use of the Harold Park Tramsheds	8.8
Social events for members	9.8

Table 2 - Profile of Membership

	Male	Female	Total
Age	(42)	(76)	(120)
	%	%	%
Under 30	0	1	1
30-39	10	3	5
40-49	5	4	4
50-59	31	22	25
60 plus	55	68	64
Not stated	0	1	1
Total	100%	100%	100%
	Male	Female	Total
Employment	(42)	(76)	(120)
	%	%	%
Full-time	52	29	37
Part-time	19	18	18
Retired	29	42	38
Other	0	11	7
Total	100%	100%	100%
	Male	Female	Total
Living in Glebe	(42)	(76)	(120)
	%	%	%
Resident	88	93	92
Since 1950s	0	1	1
1960s	5	7	6
1970s	10	24	19
1980s	17	16	16
1990s	29	26	27
2000s	29	16	21
Not stated		4	3
Business	5	1	3
Neither	7	5	6
Total	100%	100%	100%

Judge William Hattam Wilkinson of Foley Park

Henry Wilkinson of Willoughby has been writing to the Glebe Society recently. Here is the story so far ...

I thought the Glebe Society may find this photo of interest.

It was taken in 1894 at *Hereford House* at the site of what is now Foley Park. My ancestor, Judge William Hattam Wilkinson, owned the house (approx 1880 to 1909) followed by his son Dr William Camac Wilkinson (1908 to 1911).

Judge Wilkinson is standing with the beard and glasses and Dr William Camac Wilkinson is with the moustache.

Judge Wilkinson was born in Marylebone, London in 1831 and was the son of Captain Henry Richard Wilkinson, a master mariner with the Honourable East India Company Service (HEICS), and Deborah Bushby.

He went to King's College in London where he graduated with a degree in law in 1852. In the same year he married Elizabeth Sibyl Milligan in Marylebone. Her father was Dr William Milligan who was a doctor in the Swan River Colony (1830-4) and founded the Royal Perth Hospital, before moving back to England via India.

William and Elizabeth both emigrated to Sydney arriving in September 1852. They lived at Enfield, where all of their 8 children were born, and at some stage (we think in the 1870s) William Hattam Wilkinson bought Hereford House in Glebe, which he owned until his death at Glebe in 1908. His son, Dr William Camac Wilkinson, then owned the house until 1911 when he moved to London. I gather

that the house was sold to the Sydney Technical College.

William Hattam Wilkinson's uncle, the Reverend Frederick Wilkinson, had been in NSW since 1825 and had arranged the building of many early churches including St

John's Ashfield, St Thomas Enfield and St Mary's Balmain. He also had a school called *The Meads* at Enfield in the 1840/50s which was a popular school at the time. William Hattam Wilkinson also had a cousin, Thomas Hattam Wilkinson, who arrived in 1839 and was the minister for many years at St Johns Church at Ashfield.

I had a look inside St Johns at Glebe a few years ago and there were many plaques of family members on the church walls.

Apparently *Hereford House* had its own access gate to the church.

- Henry Wilkinson

Editor's note: As a result of Henry's emails, Max Solling has been able to give him more information about his forebears, so we might learn more in a future Bulletin. There is a website with further information on Dr William Camac Wilkinson on www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlament/members.



The photo was taken on the verandah of Hereford House in 1894. The married couple were Dr Frederick Wadham and Mary Taylor, family friends of the Wilkinsons.

From the left standing is Frank Osborne (future brother in law of FB Wilkinson), Frederick Bushby Wilkinson, Elizabeth Sibyl Wilkinson, Maria Grace Wilkinson, unknown, Elizabeth Sibyl Wilkinson snr, bride Mary Wadham, Judge William Hattam Wilkinson (beard and glasses), groom Dr Frederick Wadham, unknown tall man at rear, clergyman unknown, old woman unknown, bridesmaid unknown, Dr William Camac Wilkinson (moustache), Jessie Wilkinson (Dr WC Wilkinson's wife), William Alexander Camac Wilkinson (boy on steps), Lucy Rachel Wilkinson (bridesmaid), Darcy Osborne (future brother in law of FB Wilkinson), Edward Western Cave Wilkinson, unknown. Photos courtesy of Henry Wilkinson.

Lord Mayor supports pocket park

The forestlodgetrees group received a letter from the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore MP, dated 12 October, which confirmed her opposition to the State Government's plans to sell off parkland at 9 Alfred Road. The Lord Mayor is concerned about the Government's selling of public land and gave details of the Council's recent large investments in public land in the Glebe area. The group very much appreciates this, but continues to work towards this particular piece of public land remaining so, as a pocket park complete with mature native trees. The Lord Mayor states in her letter that ratepayers' money should not be spent to re-buy public land. If only the State Government would agree with this and present the land to Council for the benefit of the public.

For further information visit <http://forestlodgetrees.blogspot.com> (this is regularly updated). We can be contacted at forestlodgetrees@yahoo.com.au.

- Mary Pollard

Foley Park update

Council's Glebe Point Road Design Manager has advised us that they are aiming to submit the Development Application for the Foley Park upgrade to Council by the end of October, and are expecting to present the detailed design to the community on 6 November.

- Bobbie Burke
for the Foley Park Working Group

Glebe and the Arts

Art and About 2006 - Facing Glebe: many faces, merging visions

'Facing Glebe: many faces, merging visions' has come to fruition. Large-scale photos have been appearing on buildings around Glebe. Smaller ones are in the Glebe Library, some shopfronts and business windows along Glebe Point Road and St Johns Road.

The locals have become the stars. A photo workshop at the GYS (Glebe Youth Service), 84 Glebe Point Road, led to an ever-expanding photo show where images from the workshop feature as well as those photographed by social documentary photographer Roz Sharp and workshop teacher Tamara Killick.

The exhibition has been very well received by the locals and it has become a real talking point. Young and old, public housing tenants, artists, business owners and others are all given equal billing in the photo show. The pictures describe the people and the widely held egalitarian philosophy of Glebe.

Standout GYS workshop participant Donny Bergin is having his first exhibition opportunity with a display in the Art Almanac Window Gallery, Glebe Place. Donny received the Glebe Society's Outstanding Participant Award, a \$50 voucher.

The celebratory launch at the Glebe Youth Service brought together a mix of Youth Service staff, clients and their families with members of the wider community and some City of Sydney Councillors and staff. Councillor Robyn Kemmis officially launched the event, a selection of large-scale photos rising above the crowd in the auditorium. Smaller photographs and a DVD short film occupy the GYS gallery, visible to those who look in from Glebe Point Road.

Many Glebe Society members and others enjoyed the interaction there, and swept along the street afterwards for the wine and cheese event following at Art Almanac. It was a very pleasant occasion where the crowd eased into party mode, partly due to the delicious foods and wine offered by Jan McCulloch.

Congratulations and thanks are due to:

- Glenn Wallace for liaising with Coun-



Glebe residents on display at the Corn Stalk Bookshop in Glebe Point Road.
Photo: Sue Ingram

- cil, putting in endless hours, being a flexible and fast response team in one person!
- Michael Goldberg for so successfully curating the photo exhibition on the building walls.
- Tamara Killick for working creatively and successfully with the Glebe Youth Service
- Colin Stokes for his enthusiasm and hard work at the Glebe Youth Service
- Jan McCulloch for creative input and the fabulous launch party at Art Almanac
- Roelof Smilde for liaising with businesses for shop front displays
- Neil Macindoe – grant applications
- Andrew Craig – business plan
- Bruce Davis - accounting
- Anne Fraser – media

- The Glebe Society, The Chamber of Commerce and COGG for their good will and support
- and special thanks to Councillor Robyn Kemmis for her unstinted support and enthusiasm "Facing Glebe" remained in the streets and windows until about 23 October.

- Sue Ingram



Tamara Killick took the photo of Sadie King.

Glebe Matters

The 17th Annual Glebe Music Festival



Margaretta Cottage

Opera? Concord? Guitars? There must be some mistake. One day, the residents of Glebe may be able to enjoy their own opera performance in the park by the water. In the meantime, you are encouraged to go to Concord on Saturday 11 November for the 6.30pm start of Opera Under the Stars, with a 35-piece band and singers from Opera Australia. Tickets can be booked in advance and will also be available for purchase at the entrance to Rivendell, off Hospital Road. Bring a picnic!

The women of the Tall Poppeas will sing repertoire from the baroque period to the accompaniment of an early music ensemble at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, on Friday 10 November at 7.30pm. The program will include a few unique items from probably the earliest opera performed - Jacopo Peri's *Euridice* (1600), as well as some Monteverdi, Handel, Gluck, Carissimi, Francesca Caccini (*La Liberazione di Ruggiero dall'isola d'Alcina*: the first Italian opera performed outside Italy and about 100 years earlier than Handel's version of the Alcina story), and even a Mozart duet in reference to his birthday celebrations this year.

Duo Agostino will perform, amongst other works, transcriptions from opera, at the historic Old Court House in Glebe on Friday 17 November at 7.30pm. There will be two *Margaretta Cottage* concerts. And don't miss the surprises at the free concert at the Great Hall, University of Sydney, at 3pm on Sunday 12 November, preceded by a carillon recital in the quadrangle.

Details can be found at www.glebemusicfestival.com or by phoning Ted McIntosh on 9416 6136.

- David McIntosh

Farewell Charles Simpson

On Wednesday 25 October about 50 people, including five Glebe Society friends, joined Liz Simpson-Booker in saying farewell to her father, Charles Henry Simpson, who was almost 91.

Those present were told about a much-loved man. One of the speakers was Charles' friend for an amazing 72 years and was the best man at the wedding of Charles and Betty.

Charles was a volunteer in WW2, a pharmacist and a great gardener. He was described as an old-fashioned small "I" liberal, always thinking of the future, and not caught up in the past.

The Glebe Society joins many other people in sending condolences to Liz and her mother Betty.

Book Reading at Glebe Library - 11 November

Ever dreamed of starting a new life? Of leaving your job, family and friends to relocate to somewhere far away and exotic? Have you ever pondered what it would be like to learn a new language, to acquaint yourself with a new culture and cuisine, to form new friendships and – perhaps – even fall in love with a charming foreigner? Discuss her experience.

At 11am on Saturday 11 November 11am at Benledi, guest author Sue Howard will be talking about her experience of moving from Sydney to Italy, as told in her book *Leaning towards Pisa*.

For further information and bookings, ring the Glebe Library on 9298 3060.

Can you help at the Glebe Street Fair?

Please contact Jan Wilson if you can spend a couple of hours looking after the Glebe Society stall at the Fair on Sunday 19 November.



How well do you know Glebe?

This year the Glebe Society Christmas Party is on Friday 15 December, from 7pm to whenever. We will have an informal sit down dinner following pre dinner drinks. The venue is 11 Jarocin Avenue, which from the street looks like a small Glebe house. Looks are deceptive and inside lies a mysterious layout of studios and a ballroom with large wooden beams and wooden floors. There is little parking in Jarocin Avenue so a walk to the venue is recommended. If you are coming by car, try parking in the streets adjacent to the Glebe Town Hall or along Bridge Road.

The evening will include the usual fundraising auction followed by a light hearted Glebe team trivia quiz, music and dancing into the wee early hours.

Come along and have some fun and celebrate the season. This is a great opportunity to get to know other Glebe Society members and to introduce friends to the Society so bring them along too.

Details and a booking form are on the flyer enclosed with this *Bulletin*. For catering purposes at this busy time of year we ask that you try to get your responses in as quickly as possible.

See you there!

- Anne Fraser

Public Art

Following the display at Glebe Town Hall of concept plans for public art works, and open comment on submissions, the selection committee met and interviewed six artists.

These artists have been asked to provide some follow up information and the panel will reconvene for further consideration. The public artworks are to be installed as part of the Glebe Point Road upgrade.

- Sue Ingram

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 November at 7pm. There is no need to book, so just turn up and BYO wine. Put Thursday 7 December in your diary too.

We enjoy Julie's hospitality at *La Tavolaccia*, but if you would like to suggest other venues for Thirsty Thursdays in 2007, please contact Edwina Doe.

Welcome to New Members

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

- Anastasia Chambers
- Dan and Geordie O'Hara
- James Taylor

What's on at Glebe Library? Something for everyone ...

... for Preschoolers - two Storytime sessions every week, on Tuesdays at 10.30am and 11.15am.

... for Adults - Reading Groups meet every month on the fourth Monday at 7pm and the fourth Friday at 2pm.

To belong you need to first join "The Friends of Benledi & Glebe Library" for just \$10/\$7 per year. This entitles you to borrow 15 items (normally only 10) for 5 weeks (normally only 3). Joining forms are now available at Glebe Library. The Book Club is then free. Please register with Marie Crilley on 9242 8567 or email mcrilley@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Council Rangers to take on new tourism role

City of Sydney Rangers will soon become tourism ambassadors for Sydney. Armed with pocket-sized foldout maps of the CBD, Darling Harbour, Kings Cross and Glebe, the City's 120 Rangers will use their street knowledge to provide helpful advice and directions to tourists and visitors.

The City is designing a fresh new uniform for Rangers, replacing the current black/grey colour scheme in favour of shades of olive green. The uniform will include an olive shirt with dark green pants and a light brown Akubra hat. They will have a reflective coat and the option of wearing shorts.

The free maps are also available from, tourism vendor stalls in the CBD and Council offices at Town Hall, Glebe and Kings Cross.

Middle Eastern cultural kebab set to entertain Sydney

The stories, songs, and rhythms of the Middle East will make up a festival celebrating 125 years of migration to Australia - *Chicken, Beef or Lamb? A Cultural Kebab* - at Newtown's *new theatre* on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 November at 7.30pm.

The evenings will include poignant ballads about war and love; the dancing and whirling of Persian dancers; performance poetry accompanied by the oud (a traditional Arabic instrument); and real life stories about growing up in the Middle East and journeying to Australia.

Glebe Society member Lyn Collingwood is artistic director for the project at *new theatre*.

Tickets (including a special Middle Eastern feast) are \$30/\$20, with proceeds to support aid agencies working in Lebanon. Bookings on 9519 8958. New theatre is at 542 King Street, Newtown - www.newtheatre.org.au

Noxious Weeds

A Member recently rang the Council and reported a very large privet tree on private land in Bridge Road. A man in the tree department didn't think he could do anything about plants on private land. But the man in the noxious weeds department was very helpful and said he will write to the property owners.

If you know of any noxious plants go to the Council Website and type in "weeds" for information. Then ring 9265 9333 and ask for help.

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For your diary ...

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

Monday 6 November, 2 - 8.30pm - Community presentation - Glebe Point Road Upgrade - Glebe Town Hall.

Wednesday 9 November, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome.

Friday 10 November to Sunday 3 December - Glebe Music Festival.

Saturday 11 November, 2 - 4pm - Opening of the Foreshore Walk, The Anchorage, Blackwattle Bay.

Wednesday 15 November, 7 - 9pm - Glebe Gardens, 1820-2010, Glebe Rowing Club, at the end of Ferry Road.

Sunday 19 November - Glebe Street Fair.

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

Wednesday 13 December, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members welcome

Friday 15 December, 7pm to whenever - Glebe Society Christmas Party Dinner, 11 Jarocin Avenue.

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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 November. The deadline for contributions is **22 November**.

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Individual member	\$45
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Business or institution	\$110

Download a Membership Form from our website (http://www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGSI/Membership/Membership_application.pdf).

Or 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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