



## Dry Boat Storage facility goes ahead with some restrictions

The Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor, announced on 23 May 2007 that the Rozelle Bay Dry Boat Storage Facility would go ahead with a number of conditions.

The development is capable of storing 670 recreational power boats of up to 12 metres in length. The boating centre will include service facilities, waterfront commercial offices and marine retail space, with associated restaurant, café and general store. Details of the DA can be found on the SHFA website ([www.shfa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shfa.nsw.gov.au)).

The Glebe Society has fought long and hard in opposition to this proposal, and gained extensive support for our position from local residents, as shown by the 1,500 people who signed a petition against the proposal. If commonsense had prevailed the idea of placing the largest dry boat storage facility in Australia in this small and almost landlocked bay would never have been realised.

Our efforts have at least resulted in an extensive set of conditions on the operation of the facility, with the main focus being on safety measures to protect the traditional users of the Bay - the rowers and Dragon Boaters, and the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood. The size of storage buildings and the number of boats have been reduced, and strict speed restrictions apply, along with curfew periods.

In the words of the long-serving Sydney University Women's Rowing Club president, Jane Spring, one of the leaders in the campaign opposing the development, the conditions were worth the fight - "We did the best we could to stop it going ahead. We are going to have to work hard now to ensure the conditions are enforced effectively by NSW Maritime".

The major conditions are:

- the storage facility will operate from 7am to 7pm weekdays, and until 8pm weekends. In winter, the centre will close at 6pm
- a curfew on operations between 5.30am and 7am from 1 February to 30 September



Glebe Society members are still concerned about the plans. Back row, left to right: Andrew Wood, Bruce Davis, Jeanette Knox, Dianne Gray and Jan Wilson. Front row, left to right: Neil Macindoe, Jan Macindoe and Bob Armstrong. Photo Courtesy of *The Glebe*.

- a 4-knot zone for Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays
- 24-hour high-definition surveillance cameras
- an annual review of the performance of the facility, including review of the management of the complaints
- a 24-hour toll-free telephone complaints hotline
- only vessels registered with the Dry Boat Storage can access the facility (for fuelling etc.)
- super yachts over 50m will be excluded from mooring in the Bay
- restaurants will be barred from use of

amplified live music, and outside dining will cease at 10pm.

The development has been approved despite wide-ranging

opposition from community groups, notably the Glebe Society, the Coalition of Glebe Groups, the Rowing Clubs, the Dragon Boats, the Councils of the City of Sydney and Leichhardt Municipality, along with strong representations from the Member for Balmain, Verity Firth, in support of the application of strict conditions.

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"A lot worse than we hoped for but not as bad as we feared" - President Jan Macindoe commenting to media

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Some might exhort us to continue the fight. However the Management Committee of the Glebe Society has decided not to appeal the decision in court. We have been advised that the inclusion of the Dry Boat Storage facility in the Rozelle Bay Master Plan of 2002 would make any appeal to the Land and Environment Court unlikely to succeed, especially when some 80 limiting conditions are taken into account.

However, we remain deeply disappointed that this inappropriate facility has been approved, and remain concerned about its impact on the safety and amenity of all users on and around the Bays. The burden of vigilance is now on us to ensure that the requirements of the conditions imposed on this development are implemented and observed in day-to-day practice.

Our worst fear would be the reduced viability of passive boating activities including rowing, kayaking and Dragon Boating. We call on the relevant authorities to proceed as quickly as possible with the creation of the park and Dragon Boat launching area already approved for the Bank Street area.

We thank all those who gave so freely of their time to the Glebe Society's active campaign against the facility.

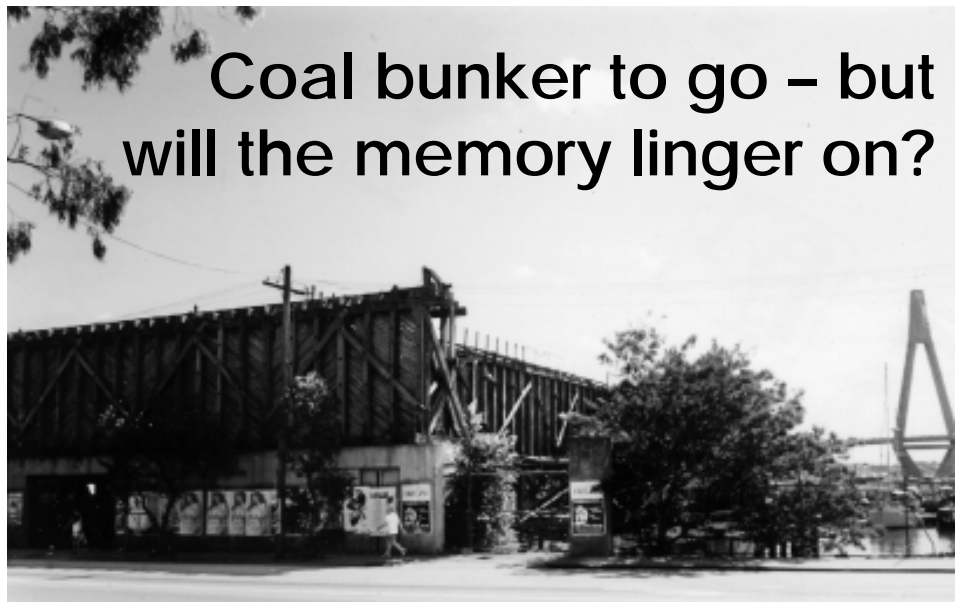
**- Bob Armstrong and Tony Larkum**

### ***Rowers' viewpoint***

According to SUWRC president Jane Spring (who is also a member of the Glebe Society), NSW Maritime considered the safety conditions unnecessary. She is quoted on Sydney University's "Uni Sport" website as saying: "These conditions are very significant concessions and they were included even though NSW Maritime asserted they were not necessary."

"The Minister responsible for NSW Maritime, Mr Joe Tripodi, told me we would not stop this facility going ahead. And the Minister responsible for NSW Planning, Mr Frank Sartor, was determined to approve the facility but recognised our safety concerns and took the time to meet us on several occasions and to attempt to address them.

"And Verity Firth, our new local MP and Minister for Women, has worked hard to make sure the conditions addressed our issues."



The coal bunker before the recent collapse. Most of the damage was internal but is visible from Bridge Road. Photo: Bruce Davis

The old coal bunker next to the Sydney Fish Market is to be demolished.

Several weeks ago parts of the structure collapsed and NSW Maritime has decided that it cannot be saved and made part of the redevelopment of the Blackwattle Bay wharves as originally proposed.

The bunker dates to about 1926 and I recollect it in the late 1950s as "R.W. Miller Washed Coals". Presumably colliers from Newcastle brought coal to Blackwattle Bay to warm our grandparents' houses and to power Sydney businesses.

The coal bunker has been derelict for many years and seven or eight years ago the distinctive gantry crane which stood on top of the structure was unceremoniously hacked down "for safety reasons".

In 2004 the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) developed a proposal for the redevelopment of the coal bunker as a maritime retail precinct. The existing structure was to be recycled inside a glass box and the crane reinstated.

Last year NSW Maritime sought registrations of interest (ROI) for the joint development of the coal bunker in accordance with SHFA's plan (site B1) and the adjacent wharves up to the Hanson concrete batch plant (site B2) which will remain for the time being.

The collapse of the coal bunker occurred only two days before the ROI period closed. Maritime says it hopes the selection of a developer for the two sites will proceed despite the fact that the coal bunker will not be recycled. The footprint and height restrictions incorporated in the ROI remain unchanged.

The assessment process will take several months. Hopefully the winning bid will incorporate a high level of public access to the waterfront and view corridors from Wentworth Park as sought by the Blackwattle Cove Coalition.

Demolition work on the coal bunker will begin shortly and is expected to be completed by November.

NSW Maritime proposes to retain parts of the timber structure and the crane for "incorporation into, or as features within, the future redevelopment of the site." Glebe Society members might like to suggest appropriate ways to use these relics.

While many of our friends in Pyrmont regard the coal bunker as an eyesore and will be glad to see it go, it is a powerful reminder of Blackwattle Bay's industrial past. If it cannot be recycled let us hope that its replacement is not yet another example of the characterless architecture that dominates the Ultimo-Pyrmont Peninsula, and pays a worthy tribute to the days when Blackwattle Bay was a hive of industry.

**- Bruce Davis**

**Footnote:** NSW Maritime has advised that the demolition contractor will install an anti-pollution boom and silt curtain around the site, and a small number of truck movements will occur. Working hours will generally be 7am to 6pm with no-work or no-noise periods between noon and 2pm. There will be no work on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, or public holidays. If you have any issues related to the demolition, contact Greg Westwood on 9338 7911, fax 9338 7912.

# Planning Matters

## Smoking ban in pubs

State Government legislation banning indoor smoking in pubs and clubs takes effect from 2 July 2007. Similar legislation to protect the health of employees and non-smoking patrons has already been introduced in many parts of the world as concern about passive smoking increases.

The Society anticipates the impact on patronage will be minor, as it has been elsewhere. The number of smokers has been declining for many years and smokers are now only a small minority of the adult population.

Some pubs, however, may feel they have insufficient provision for patrons to smoke outdoors. The Nags Head, 162-4 St Johns Road, has put in an application for, amongst other things, additional outdoor smoking areas both upstairs and downstairs. There is already access to the balcony fronting St Johns Road and Lodge Street.

The Nags Head, like a number of Glebe pubs, is very close to residences, and there has been a lot of concern about noise and disruption to residents in the past. The Society generally supports residents if the activities of any facility,

including pubs, are likely to produce a nuisance. Currently the situation with the Nags Head appears to be satisfactory. The Society would not wish to see deterioration in the amenity of residents as a result of this legislation, and it is unlikely the City would wish to see it either.

Therefore the Society calls on pubs and clubs in Glebe to exercise restraint, and where provision for outdoor smoking exists not to try to increase it, or use the legislation as an excuse for expansion or ambit claims that would adversely affect residents.

## Section 3A amendment

In November 2007 the NSW Parliament amended the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to give the Minister for Planning, through the Director General, greater powers to approve developments deemed to be "state significant". There is widespread concern this amendment has given power to the Minister to ignore the legislation that usually controls development, including environmental and heritage considerations.

For example, there was a successful appeal to the Land and Environment Court

that the Environmental Impact Study of the Anvil Hill coal mine proposal didn't consider the impact of coal emissions on global warming. Nevertheless, on 6 June the Minister gave the mine the go ahead.

The Society has always taken the view that local authorities are best placed to assess and determine development. If they abuse this power both the court and the electors can curtail it. If it can be demonstrated that for some good reason the Minister, rather than the local authority, should make the decision, the Minister should consider himself bound by exactly the same legislative requirements. There is already concern about the extent and exercise of the Minister's approval powers. The Society adds its voice, and would welcome any move to ensure the Government remains bound by its own legislation.

## Live performance

Discussion of the best way of making it easier to approve live performances in restaurants and cafes is continuing. The Glebe Society will keep members informed of any legislative changes.

- Neil Macindoe

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## Recording Glebe's Heritage

Whilst much work has been done by members of the Glebe Society, including compiling "Glebe's Treasures", the story of our village's heritage remains fragmented and incomplete. Records on heritage can be found in the Leichhardt Council records, historical records, City of Sydney Surveys etc. Council and the Society cooperate periodically to maintain these records but at no time can we confidently say that they are up to date. This proposal sets out a cooperative process between the City of Sydney Council and the Glebe Society whereby we can achieve a database of heritage built environment that is continuously maintained.

John Poulton, who oversees Heritage at the City of Sydney Council, has discussed the issue of heritage accuracy with the Convenor of the Heritage Sub-committee. There are real concerns that the fragmented nature of the collection hampers proper heritage management of what we

know about, let alone those heritage items yet undiscovered. Neil Macindoe recently discovered a piece of early architecture that does not appear to have been recorded in any of the documentations mentioned above. He was looking over a building for which a Development Application had been submitted and could observe the building from outside its boundaries as fences had been removed. Given the nature of the Heritage reporting, and data collecting processes as they stand presently, there is no reason to expect any documentation of this cottage.

The Heritage Committee proposes to commence a process, which will lead in the medium term to:

- a database cooperatively developed with the City of Sydney;
- ongoing funding to maintain this database;
- involvement of the many Glebe Society members who express an

interest in heritage but are unable to commit to regular committee work.

The next steps in the process would seem to be to:

- liaise with City of Sydney to ascertain current methods of data collection, storage, and access;
- identify one conservation area for a Pilot Project;
- establish compatible data collection method and protocol;
- collate existing data;
- scope the Web database for access of data

Depending on outcomes of the Pilot Project, a major funding proposal can be prepared to fund the production of a Living Heritage Web Database for all of Glebe and Forest Lodge.

- Dianne Gray  
Convenor – Heritage Sub-committee

# Advertising on public phones proposed in heritage areas

DAs are being advertised for advertising signs on three pairs of public phones in Glebe Point Road - outside Glebe Public School, outside the Glebe Library, and outside the Doctors' Houses. The phones will have to be separated to accommodate the signs.

The Glebe Society lodged an objection to this DA before the closing date; 28 June. Our letter is reproduced below.

- Neil Macindoe

Louise Evans  
Department of Planning  
City of Sydney

Dear Louise

D/2007/945 5160 GLEBE POINT ROAD  
GLEBE

## Advertising on public phones

The Glebe Society objects to all three proposals to install backlit advertising signs on public telephones in Glebe Point Road.

1. Glebe is an Urban Conservation Area under LEP 2000. The Society has previously gone to considerable lengths to ensure the types of public phones installed throughout Glebe are as compatible as possible with its historic architecture. Adding advertising signs reduces the compatibility of the public phones, and hence impacts adversely on the Conservation Area.
2. All the proposed sites are in front of Items of Environmental Heritage under LEP 2000. The advertising signs will detract from their heritage value. Developments in the vicinity of Heritage Items that impact on them adversely should be refused.
3. The Signage DCP 2005 at Section 4.3 specifically discourages signage not related to local businesses. Section 4.3.2 specifically prohibits advertising on street furniture that is not Council-owned.
4. The assertion there are backlit advertising signs nearby is incorrect. All the proposed signs are on the western, least commercial side of Glebe Point Road. None are adjacent to businesses located on the western

side. Most businesses have unlit signs, and those that have backlit signs are all small, under-awning displays. None of these signs advertise: they merely identify the business.

5. The number and design of public telephones in Glebe Point Road is adequate at present. There is no demand for additional public phones, and there is a lot of public opposition to additional advertising. The two proposals for 186-194 and 202 Glebe Point Road contain out of date information and photographs, which indicate there are two phones at both locations. This is incorrect, as the second phone in both cases has been removed because of low usage. If the proposal is to reinstate these phones it reveals the true purpose of the installations is to increase advertising revenue, not to meet community need for public phones.
6. Council is about to commence a major makeover of Glebe Point Road. There has been a lot of public consultation and debate about the future appearance of Glebe's major street. Reduction in unnecessary footpath clutter and advertising is an important element in revitalisation.

## Glebe Public School, 46-56 Glebe Point Road

Council has recently approved three public artworks for Glebe Point Road, one of which is a striking, innovative palisade fence for the Public School. Furthermore, it is proposed to recess the bus shelter into the fence. Advertising signs, in any case especially unwelcome so close to a school, would detract significantly from the impact and view of this major artwork.

## Glebe Library, 186-194 Glebe Point Road

Glebe Library was gained for the community through resident action. The site is a pivotal, central gathering place, and any advertising not for community information is totally inappropriate.

The Society asks Council to refuse these applications.

Yours faithfully

Neil Macindoe  
Planning Convenor

# Village to village

A free bus service for City of Sydney residents was launched recently.

The full route includes Redfern, RPA Hospital, Glebe and the Broadway Shopping Centre.

The Shuttle runs on Thursdays and Fridays, with four trips towards Broadway and five trips away from Broadway.

The map on page 5 covers the Glebe part of the route. The shuttle will stop at all places listed below. Use times as a guide to the stops in between.

For more information contact 0319 34439 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

## From Glebe to Broadway:

Lyons Road - Joanna O'Dea  
Minogue Crescent - Bus Stop  
Wigram Road Harold Park, corner of Bell Street (9:15am 11:00am 1:15pm 2:45pm)  
Mansfield Street - Tranby College  
Avenue Road - St Scholastica School  
Bicentennial Park - Federal Road Bus Stop  
Glebe Point Road - Glebe Library  
St Johns Road - Post Office  
Wentworth Street - Signal Driver  
Mitchell Street - Vet  
Francis Street Broadway Shops (9:30am 11:15am 1:30pm 3:00pm)

## From Broadway to Glebe:

Francis Street Broadway Shops (9:30am 11:15am 1:30pm 3:00pm, 4.15pm)  
Bay Street - Signal Driver  
Wentworth Park Road - Signal Driver  
St Johns Road - Signal Driver  
Wentworth Street - Signal Driver  
Mitchell Street - Signal Driver  
Glebe Street - Pre-school  
St Johns Road - Post Office  
Glebe Point Road - Glebe Library  
Bicentennial Park - Federal Road Bus Stop  
Avenue Road - St Scholastica School  
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Lyons Road - Joanna O'Dea

# Campaign against stray shopping trolleys



## Letter to the Editor

We need to discuss shopping trolleys in Glebe and Forest Lodge as they are now hazards. We need to concentrate upon ways to remove these hazards and not to debate (as in the past) if individuals should use them in public spaces. Forest Lodge in particular has become a dumping ground for trolleys and late night revellers have ridden in them along Ross Street and the Minogue Crescent hill, which crosses Wigram Road. It is merely a matter of time before someone or some property is seriously hurt or damaged.

In the past I would phone the trolley collecting people and they were polite and reasonably efficient in response and collection. Now however one waits in a queue to speak to an operator, only to note that the trolleys are not collected. I therefore phoned the Council to discover that it will collect them but the Trolley Collector then apparently simply calls to

the Council Depot and loads them up with no fee. I have asked Councillor Robyn Kemmis and Council's Policy Officers to phone and discuss this matter with me but they have not so far reached me. I cannot in conscience stand by and do nothing but thus far I am apparently gaining no reaction. These trolleys are valuable so one would expect an economic response as well as a communitarian response.

John Gray

## Shop in your community

The streets of Glebe are littered with shopping trolleys. Every time I see one I phone the trolley hotline, 1800 641 497 and ask for someone from the store to call me back to discuss the matter. If they do not I phone Woolworths, Coles, or Franklins and I follow up. Now I must say that these agencies are fairly good at communicating. After all these trolleys are expensive, and if they are not found, which may become a very real possibility the longer they stay in the streets, they

become a cost passed on to consumers. But more than this they are dangerous. They roll most erratically and hurt people and property.

Some argue that these trolleys are necessary for those without vehicles and thus provide a community service. The only trolleys I have seen come from Broadway Shopping Centre. Stores in the Village do not permit trolleys to leave their shops. but so far every one of the Village stores I have checked does have a free home delivery service. Of course at Broadway there is no longer a free home delivery service and there is no disincentive to take trolleys from the Centre. So where is the community good? Those who travel by foot, cycle or bus can shop at the local greengrocer or market, where they will bring business to the Village, meet hospitable locals in a community environment, and have their food delivered.

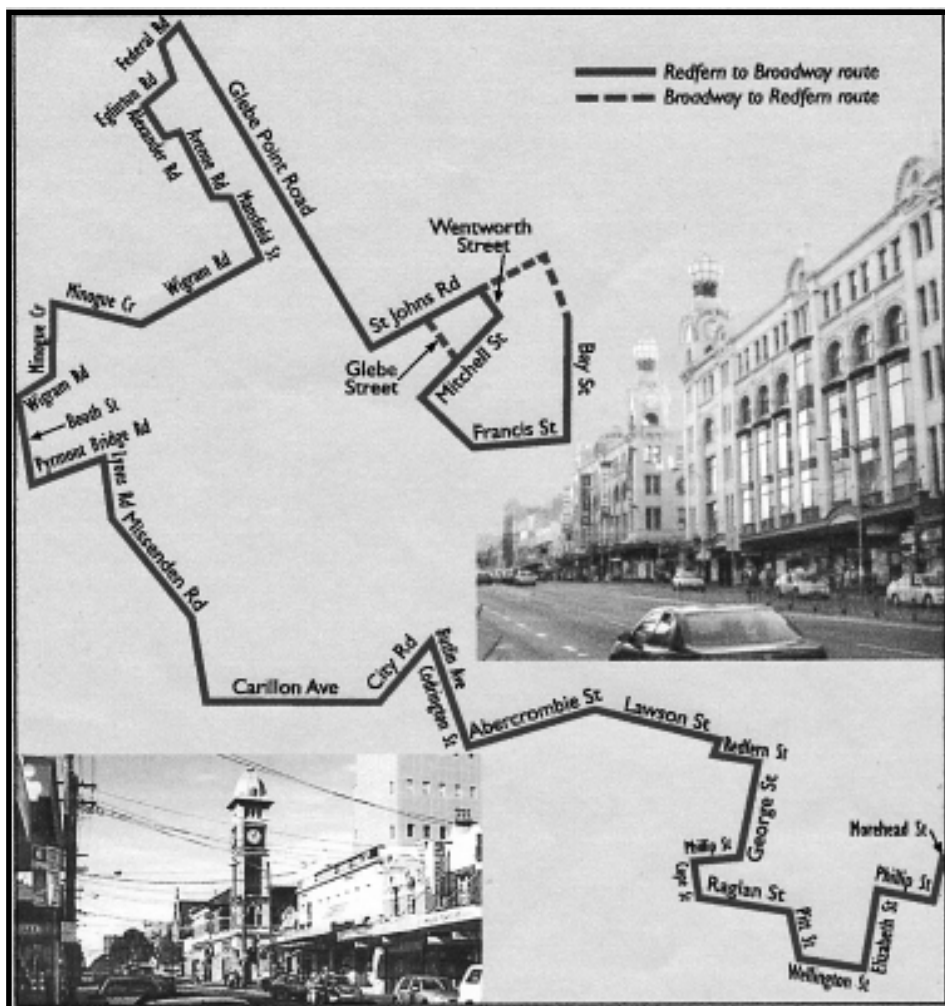
I shop at The Friendly Grocer in Glebe Point Road, near Wigram Road. The delightful Effie knows my grandchild. Michael and I share a love for the wonderful old Souths. They deliver. Other stores in our Village are equally delightful. You do not pay any more than in the large centre. You leave your car at home. You mix in the community.

I found out when I last phoned the trolley hotline that there is a monthly \$1000 draw from those who have reported trolleys.

So here is a plan:

- stop shopping at Broadway because they refuse to restrain these trolleys;
- report every trolley you see;
- insist that the store manager contact you every time you report;
- be polite but insistent;
- support the village stores;
- share the \$1000 with me.

- John Gray



## Afterword

John tells me that he and Cr Robyn Kemmis have now discussed the matter and that the City of Sydney Council will discuss the matter with management at Broadway. Also, the Glebe Society has passed on its comments about trolleys to the Council.

- Editor

# Census 2006: How do we stack up?

Most of us would say Glebe is not “average”. We might disagree whether we are better or worse than the rest of the country, but we’d agree that Glebe is “different”.

The first results of the 2006 Australian census were published on 27 June 2007, so we can now check out where we stand.

The results are available on the Bureau of Statistics website ([www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)) and can be broken down into postcodes. The results quoted in this article are for postcode 2037, Glebe and Forest Lodge.

## How many people live in our suburb?

13,468 (7,114 females and 6,354 males).

Indigenous persons (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) number 308.

Compared with the rest of the country we have a higher than average female population (52.8% compared to 50.6% in Australia overall, and spot on the average indigenous population.

## Age distribution

9.9% of the population usually resident in postcode 2037 were children aged between 0-14 years, far less than the national average of 19.8%. 22% were persons aged 55 years and over, again less than the national average of 24.3%. The median age of persons in 2037 was 34 years, compared with 37 years for persons in Australia.

## Where do we come from?

A far lower proportion of postcode 2037 residents are Australian born compared to the rest of the country (55.7% compared to 70.9%). Other countries of origin are: England 4.8%, New Zealand 3.4%, Vietnam 1.9%, China 1.6%, and USA 1.2%.

## What do we speak?

Not surprisingly, English is the dominant language spoken at home (67.6%). Other languages used in 2037 are Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Greek and Spanish. Overall we are a little less Anglophone than the rest of the country.

## A bunch of heathens

28.5% of 2037 residents said they had no religion compared with only 18.7% in the rest of Australia. Of those professing a religious affiliation 20.3% were Catholics with the Anglicans a poor second at 12.7%.

## Marital status

Glebe and Forest Lodge could be the capital of single-dom. While nearly half (49.6%) of Australians are married, we manage only 27.2%. 55.9% of the local population were never married compared to only 33.2% overall. A slightly higher proportion of Glebians are divorced or separated (13.2% compared to 11.3%) but we have fewer widows (3.7% compared to 5.9%).

## A bit better off than some

The median weekly individual income for persons aged 15 years and over who were usual residents of 2037 was \$627, compared with \$466 in Australia. The median weekly household income was \$1,121, compared with \$1,027 and the median weekly family income was \$1,766, compared with \$1,171 nationally.

## Families

Glebe and Forest Lodge have almost half the national average number of families with children. (See table 1).

## Housing

Our housing patterns also are quite different from average Australia. For

example 12.9% of our private houses are separate buildings compared to 74.8% in the rest of Australia, while 42% are semis or terraces compared to 9.2% nationally. (See table 2.)

In 2037, the median weekly rent was \$250, compared to \$190 in Australia. The median monthly housing loan repayment was \$2,197, compared to \$1,300 in Australia. The average household size was 2.0 and the average number of persons per bedroom was 1.1.

We are also a suburb of renters. Only 14.8% of us own our own houses compared to 32.6% nationwide, and the proportion of us buying our own homes is similar (15.4% compared to 32.2%). (See table 3.)

The dominance of the Department of Housing as a landlord in Glebe is evident from the fact that the proportion of people renting from the government is about twice the national average. (See table 4.)

## ... and don't forget the backpackers

On census night Glebe had 373 overseas resident visitors.

- Bruce Davis

	Selected Region	% of total families in Region	Australia	% of total families in Australia
Total families	2,752		5,219,165	
Couple families with children	754	27.40%	2,362,582	45.30%
Couple families without children	1,351	49.10%	1,943,643	37.20%
One parent families	530	19.30%	823,254	15.80%
Other families	117	4.30%	89,686	1.70%

	Selected Region	% of total occupied private dwellings in Region	Australia	% of total occupied private dwellings in Australia
Total private dwellings (includes unoccupied private dwellings)	6,890		8,426,559	
Occupied private dwellings:	6,405		7,596,183	
Separate house	827	12.90%	5,685,387	74.80%
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse etc	2,690	42.00%	702,550	9.20%
Flat, unit or apartment	2,776	43.30%	1,076,315	14.20%
Other dwellings	109	1.70%	127,337	1.70%
Not stated	3	0.00%	4,594	0.10%

	Selected Region	% of total occupied private dwellings in Region	Australia	% of total occupied private dwellings in Australia
Fully owned	949	14.80%	2,478,264	32.60%
Being purchased (includes being purchased under rent/buy scheme)	988	15.40%	2,448,205	32.20%
Rented (includes rent-free)	3,411	53.30%	2,063,947	27.20%
Other tenure type	53	0.80%	65,715	0.90%
Not stated	1,005	15.70%	540,050	7.10%

	Selected Region	% of total rented dwellings in Region	Australia	% of total rented dwellings in Australia
Real estate agent	1,752	51.40%	1,043,198	50.50%
State or Territory housing authority	1,078	31.60%	306,697	14.90%
Other landlord type	527	15.50%	652,012	31.60%
Landlord type not stated	57	1.70%	62,037	3.00%

# Garden Competition boosted by mystery man

The City of Sydney's annual Garden Competition has this year received a boost from a mystery British gardening enthusiast.

The City is seeking information on Lieutenant Colonel Charles Ronald Christian who created a trust in 1963 to fund prizes for garden competitions in Sydney and Perth.

The bequest funds were originally administered by the Sydney Committee before the City was appointed the trustee. When donated in 1963 the fund totalled £6,653/7/11d. Since then the funds have collected interest and now total nearly \$100,000.

The funds will be used this year to increase the total prize allocation for the Garden Competition by \$11,500, as per Lt Col Christian's instructions.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP said the funds will be a welcome reward for garden competition winners and encourage the community to add to the greenery in our urban streets.

This is an impressive gesture from this mysterious gardening enthusiast," Ms Moore said.

"The City of Sydney is proud to carry out the wishes of Lt Col Christian and encourage residents in our local government area to continue to help green City streets."

It is understood Lt Col Christian was a bachelor and a retired officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He spent a large part of his life in England, but at the time of his death by accidental drowning in 1956, he was living in Durban, South Africa. British Army records show that he served in both World War I and II and he received two War Medals, a Defence Medal, France and Germany Star and a Victory Medal.

However little is known of his connections to Australia and why he donated the money to gardening competitions. Lt Col Christian obviously formed a strong connection with Australia, given his generous support.

The City is inviting anyone to help solve the mystery of Lt Col Christian and provide information about what led to his generosity.

This is the fourth year of the Garden Competition for which entries close on 27

August. Garden owners can enter into six categories including the popular "Best Sustainable Garden" category which has doubled in popularity over the past two years. Two new awards have also been created this year – an "Encouragement Award" and "People's Choice Award".

Judging will occur in September before a special prize presentation, hosted by Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP, on 31 October. The competition is open to all residents within the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

For more information and to find out how to enter call 9265 9333 or visit: [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson). NOTE: Entries must be visible from the street.

- City of Sydney Press Release



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

The lead editorial in the *Sydney Morning Herald* dated June 21, 2007, *Still time for a water rethink*, puts the case clearly and unambiguously against the proposed desalination plant and for recycling, harvesting of rain water and rain water tanks.

The Glebe Society has successfully campaigned against government sponsored horrors in the past. Could we be part of a campaign to prevent the construction of this desalination plant?

Margaret Sheppard

## Boost for CUB site campaign

City of Sydney Council has voted to help fund a legal campaign against the development of the Carlton & United Breweries site on Broadway. Matthew Drake-Brockman, an environmental activist, says the plan approved by the Government does not take into account the greenhouse gases produced by the development.

- *Sydney Morning Herald*, 26 June

## Glebe takes on Pyrmont/Ultimo!

Just like old times - Wentworth Park is going to be the venue for a games afternoon focusing on a fun match of touch football. Glebe will challenge Pyrmont/Ultimo to prove we are a sporting suburb worthy of our origins!

The Blackwattle Cove Coalition with the involvement of the Greyhounds, local schools, Chamber of Commerce and many other community groups are organising a Wentworth Park Community Games Day.

However the afternoon will include much more. There will be games for all ages and everyone will have a chance to score for their suburb all afternoon: Tug of war, pétanque and a marathon run around the circumference of the Park to list but a few.

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Wentworth Park Community Games Day - Sunday 11 May 2008

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There also will be music and food stalls so you can come and relax and watch the fun even if you don't want to get directly involved. The Sporting Complex will be open for all to wander through and there will be displays of the history of the park and a history of the greyhounds at Wentworth Park.

The purpose of the event?

- to have a fun community get together that includes all surrounding suburbs
- to raise the profile of the park in people's minds (it is a vast under-utilised area of open space in our midst)
- to encourage the State Government to invest some money in developing the park for the increasingly populated areas surrounding it, in particular to financially contribute to the replacement of the ugly sporting complex walls by see-through security fencing and restore the architectural integrity to the arches.

At present we have started meeting and organising the event. We have also applied for a Sydney City Council Community grant to help with the running of such a day.

Please note this event in next year's diary. And if you would like to get involved email me on [annefraser01@optusnet.com.au](mailto:annefraser01@optusnet.com.au)

- Anne Fraser, Convenor BCC

# The Wireless House - proposed public art strategy

Glebe Society members will recall that the proposal for Foley Park upgrade included the retention of the Wireless House and its inclusion in the Glebe Point Road public art works.

A detailed proposal has been prepared for Council and it includes comments from the artist, Nigel Helyer:

“Whilst the Wireless Room lacks architectural charm, a very strong argument can be, and has been, mounted to retain the modest structure in-situ as it has historical and cultural merit that transcends the local historical context, locating its value as a rare example of the provision of a social and cultural facility, at a national and potentially at an international level.

The approach is to embrace the *unique function* of the structure, and to re-purpose the building to once again become a sonically active feature of the park.

The creative treatment of the Wireless House would however bring both the physical structure and its audio capacity firmly into the contemporary.”

## The Wireless House workplan

The proposal includes the following workplan.

1. Retain and refurbish the original structure.
2. Fit-out the interior with sculptural references drawn from 1930s radio technology (valves, antennae, harnesses etc).
3. The building interior will also house telecom terminal and necessary equipment to serve various forms of audio content (described below).
4. Light the interior.
5. Remove the current steel door and opaque window covers, and enhance the building structure with an architectural steel representation of radio antennae radiation patterns.
6. The inner surface of the grills would be transparent Lexan and possibly bear etched designs and texts. It would support an array of weather-proof audio speakers. The structure would support tactile sensors for content selection.



The artist’s proposal for the Wireless House (left) seeks to draw on archival material by accessing old radio recordings

and also recording actors reading historic material.

The material will be accessible to park visitors in a number of ways:

- activating sensors on the Wireless House to trigger audio material;
- by FM radio reception which can be received by mobile phone and standard FM radio etc;
- through a free internet connection as required by Council which can connect mobile laptop users to the City website; and
- the downloading of ‘podcast’ material (that can be constantly updated in the future) to mobile phones and future portable digital devices.

- Neil Macindoe

## Two Glebe icons are sold

“SOLD” stickers have appeared on the signs outside *The Abbey* in Bridge Road (at last) and the former Uniting Church in Toxteth Road. Further details are still

confidential, but we look forward to learning who are to be our new neighbours.



*The Abbey* up for sale. Photo: Edwina Doe

## Art and About – Glebe on Track

Colin from the Glebe Youth Service has commenced the workshops at the Glebe Youth Service and we look forward to seeing the images emerge.

Ally de Pree-Raghaven from the Glebe Community Development Project spoke recently at a Glebe on Track meeting. She told us about her proposed community projects involving the written and spoken word. Ally is currently looking for a writer or writers to be involved in her project.

Ally and Colin found synergies in their work and will discuss some collaboration for Glebe on Track.

### Projected images

Some fine-tuning has been done on the proposed projected images. It has now been decided that images will be projected from inside shop areas onto a screen in the shop window. Rear projection requires a special screen material, which has been sourced by Nick Vickers.

Roeloff will investigate suitable shopfronts to be used for these projections.

### Council

Baharak will be leaving her office at the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre for a move to Town Hall Sydney. Nick Hesse will take on the task of Council contact person for Glebe on Track and the Community Liaison Officer for the Glebe Point Road upgrade.

Upgrade hoardings may be used as decorative surfaces for images of Glebe art. Some images could be used as soon as late July so that when the hoardings start to appear, so will the art works. This program of works will evolve over about eighteen months and will hopefully incorporate many Glebe art groups who should all have representation in the Hoardings Show.

### Funding

Andrew Craig has written an impressive “invitation for sponsorship” document. While Glebe on Track hopes to get a Council grant to fund our project, there is no guarantee. Corporate sponsorship and partnership agreements would give the Art and About Committee greater security and enable us to plan with confidence art projects for future years.

- Sue Ingram

Convenor, the Art and About committee



# Glebe News

## Drinks at the Valhalla

Glebe Society members enjoyed the hospitality of Mike and Prue Williams, owners of the Valhalla, at an informative drinks evening on Thursday 31 May.

Members had the chance to catch up with each other while viewing plans for the creative office spaces. They embraced the opportunity to quiz Mike, Prue, the architects and the agents about the plans and were mostly impressed by the attention to detail and care given to the preservation of heritage aspects of the building.

The general consensus was that if a cinema is not a viable option for the site, the proposed creative office spaces and shops offer the best opportunity for a quality creative precinct to develop and hopefully, thrive.

Glebe Society members are offered the use of the foyer and upstairs terrace area for social functions four times a year.

Mike and Prue have been good communicators. The free flowing exchange of ideas and their accommodation of community concerns have enabled this project to reach such a satisfactory level. Thank you Mike and Prue.

- Sue Ingram

## "Welcome" party for new members

On Friday evening 22 June, at the GIG Gallery, 70a Glebe Point Road, eleven people who have joined the Glebe Society recently were welcomed by our President, Jan Macindoe, and several other Committee Members and their partners.

We give very special thanks to Cheryl and Brian Herden, Convenors of the Membership sub-committee, who issued the invitations and organised the party. Cheryl also prepared all the wonderful finger food without asking for help. What a trooper!

We also give special thanks to Maureen Cahill, who once again invited us to hold the gathering in the GIG Gallery. We also thank John Morse, the curator of an exciting exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Aboriginal artists. John told us about some of the artists and his passion for Aboriginal art. At least three of the paintings were bought on the night by Glebe Society members.

- Edwina Doe

## A new restaurant in Glebe

From Sarah Blake's review in *The Sunday Telegraph*, 24 June...

### Glebe Point Diner

407 Glebe Point Road

Food: Bistro with a touch of magic

Value: Excellent

Service: Friendly and very smart

*"There's a lot to love about this restaurant. It's not just that our so-good-he-may-be-psycho waiter correctly guesses what each of us wants to order, or even the gorgeous, seasonal fare. It's not the fact that within a short wintry month of opening, the large space is humming with the sort of buzz that hints at true and lasting success in fickle Sydney. ..."*

This review persuaded me to decide that we should visit the Glebe Point Diner, which has replaced Rosso Nero, on Thursday 6 September. The reviewer rates value as 'excellent', but prices might be a bit higher than at some of our other Thirsty Thursday choices.

- Edwina Doe

## Art Show

This year's Glebe Art Show is at the Library, 184 Glebe Point Road, from Friday 28 June to Sunday 8 July.

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Glebe Music Festival

10 November to 2 December 2007

This year's Glebe Music Festival is to be held under the auspices of the Glebe Society in conjunction with the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. The Artistic Director is Dr E David G McIntosh

Highlights of this year's Festival include the internationally acclaimed violinist Ronald Woodcock, playing the Six Solo Sonatas Op. 27 of Eugene Ysaye and Ajay Goldsmith from Nepal with his six piece band, *Sangeet*.

There will be more information in future Bulletins and full program details are available on [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com).



## Rocking the Foundations - Tuesday 24 July

Come along and capture a piece of Sydney's history, meet some friends and enjoy a glass of wine before the film.

*Rocking the Foundations* was directed by Pat Fiske. Pat Fiske will be the Glebe Society's guest and will introduce the film. It tells the story of the NSW Builders Labourers Federation and its attempts to save historic Sydney buildings and communities. It has particular resonance for the residents of the Glebe community many of whom fought to save Glebe from freeway development.

**Location:** Sydney Secondary College (in the school's lecture theatre). Entrance in Ferry Road, Glebe, adjacent to Glebe Rowing Club

**Time:** 7pm

**Booking:** See the flyer in this *Bulletin*.

**RSVP by 17 July:** This is important, as seats are limited. Please contact me on 9660 2698, or at [janwil@bigpond.com](mailto:janwil@bigpond.com).

- Jan Wilson

## Accounting change

At the last meeting of the Management Committee it was decided that we should invest in a copy of the accounting software MYOB. For the last few years our records have been kept on a home-grown database. Moving our "books" to MYOB should make the system more robust and accessible. However there could be the odd hiccup during the transition. Please bear with us!

- Bruce Davis

## Annual General Meeting

The Glebe Society's 2007 AGM will be held at Benledi on 26 August at 11am. All members are welcome, but only financial members will be eligible to vote.

# 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.

For Thursday 5 July, Simon Fraser has suggested the Polish restaurant *Na Zdrowie*, which Google says means "Cheers" in Polish. There is a bar in London of the same name. It is at 161 Glebe Point Road.

As this is a very popular restaurant, please let Edwina know by Tuesday 3 July that you are coming. We have made a provisional booking for 12 people.

On 2 August, we will go to Thai Thiu, at 35d Ross Street for a very inexpensive but delicious meal.

We will visit the recently opened Glebe Point Diner, at 407 Glebe Point Road, on Thursday 6 September. See the review on page 9 of this *Bulletin*.

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## Free firewood

A Glebe Society member says she has a modest assortment of firewood, the result of a major garden clean-up. Phone Jenny on 9660 6363 if you would like some of it.

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## The Glebe Chamber of Commerce

Mari-Luise Agius, the Chamber's representative at Glebe Society Management Committee meetings, has sent us this list of their current Committee:

President – Ken Shearman

Vice President – Richard Ware

Public Officer – Paul Brown

Secretary – Gay Kalnins

Treasurer – Rhonda House

### Executive Committee Members:

Geoff Broughton

Robert Dell' Aquila

Nancy Linardos

Chris Newton

Dan O'Hara

Liz & Geoff Thompson

## Don't forget!

Subscriptions to The Glebe Society Inc for the 2007-08 financial year are due on 1 July except for members who joined after 1 January this year who will be financial until 30 June, 2008.

A renewal form was included with last month's *Bulletin* or you can now renew online via the Society's web site ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)) using your credit card. You will need to follow the link from the home page to the electronic renewal form.

## Photographic exhibitions

Two current photographic exhibitions will be of interest to Glebe Society members.

### 5 x 7

A group exhibition showing photographs by seven inner-west artists who are showing five works each. The exhibition includes colour, digital and traditional gelatin silver prints.

**Details:** Upload Gallery, 105A Chapman Lane, Annandale. Open until 15 July, 11am to 6pm or by appointment. Phone 0424 790 097 or 0408 662 996.

### Lost and found

An exhibition of photography concerning the industrial areas of Sydney Harbour. Set in the context of a once bustling harbour front, these images serve as both a documentation of historical artefacts and an artistic exploration of abstracted beauty. Many of the images particularly concern Glebe and Balmain heritage sites, and the exhibition concentrates on the preservation of these areas.

**Details:** Somedays Gallery, 72b Fitzroy Street Surry Hills. 9331 6637. Open seven days, 6pm to 8pm, until 10 July 2007

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# For your diary ...

**Friday 29 June - Sunday 8 July**, Glebe Art Show, Glebe Library, 184 Glebe Point Road.

**Thursday 5 July**, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - *Na Zdrowie* Polish restaurant, 161 Glebe Point Road.

**Wednesday 11 July**, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

**Tuesday 24 July, 7pm** - *Rocking the Foundations* - Blackwattle Secondary College Lecture Theatre. Entrance in Ferry Road. See flyer.

**Thursday 2 August**, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Thai Thiu, 35d Ross Street.

**Wednesday 8 August**, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

**Sunday 26 August**, 11am - The Glebe Society Inc Annual General Meeting, Benledi, 184 Glebe Point Road.

**Thursday 6 September**, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Glebe Point Road Diner, 407 Glebe Point Road.

**10 November to 2 December** - The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Glebe Music Festival.

**Sunday 11 May 2008** - Wentworth Park Community Games Day - see page 7.

See the Glebe Society Website for our calendar of events in 2007

## Contacting The Glebe Society

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### Website

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

The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to [webmaster@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:webmaster@glebesociety.org.au)

### The Bulletin

We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating to the Glebe Society. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### Disclaimer

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### Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of July. The deadline for contributions is **18 July**.

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