



Is Harold Park for sale?

Rumours have been rife in recent weeks about a proposed sale of Harold Park, as part of a plan to move harness racing to Menangle. Two newspaper articles have brought this to wider attention. A *Sunday Telegraph* article on 6 July, "End is nigh for Harold Park", described the current status of discussion:

The NSW Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing NSW have commissioned an independent report in order to determine whether operating at Menangle will be beneficial.

The business plan – expected to be completed at the end of the year – will be put to members of the NSW Harness Racing Club who have the ultimate say as to whether Harold Park is sold.

Comments from trainers, quoted in the article, indicated strong support for the move, fuelled no doubt by the perception that the sale of Harold Park would bring \$150 million, to be "injected back into the sport" – including by way of possibly "doubling" of prize money. No wonder trainers and drivers are keen!

A *Sydney Morning Herald* article, 21 – 22 July, "Trots gee up to quit Glebe" added to speculation about who might buy the site. Various major development companies are mentioned, as well as Sydney University, whose vice-chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown, is quoted as saying that "the University of Sydney would be interested in exploring the possibilities of using the area for educational purposes".

The current zoning of the site is Open Space, but the Paceway has always been in private hands, unlike the Tramsheds. It has never been a public park. This zoning allows development, subject to a Development Application, for such purposes as public amenities and recreation facilities. Use for educational purposes would probably require re-zoning to Public Purposes, which is the catch-all zoning for everything from car parking to educational facilities. Naturally, re-zoning would also be required for residential or commercial development – the most likely zoning - to raise the Harness Racing Club's anticipated \$150 million.

The questions that will be causing anxiety for Glebe Society members will be the likely approach of the Council to requests for re-zoning, the open space requirements that would be attached to any proposed development, and whether the Tramshed site is included in the current proposals for sale of Harold Park.

We would argue strongly that an orderly way forward would be best served by the Council preparing a Master Plan for the site, which would guide both the community and developers as to what proposals would be considered appropriate. We would also insist that the Tramsheds should be returned to State Government or Council control, and used for public amenities and recreation facilities. The comments by Ted McKeown published in *The*



The Grandstand. Photo: Edwina Doe

Bulletin in 2005 in response to a development application for the Tramsheds, remain relevant:

In essence, the Club bought, using money granted for another purpose and avoiding stamp duty and council rates by using someone else's name, a property that is now expected to sell for \$11 million.

Why should the Club pocket this obscene windfall profit? The land was bought with government funding for a purpose that no longer exists, and the government should immediately resume the site and rededicate it for appropriate public purposes - such as the suggested community arts centre.

There are many interest groups who would like us to forget the complex history of this site, and the sometimes shady deals that have led to the current situation. Yet if Harold Park moves this will be our only opportunity to secure an outcome in the public interest – something worth fighting for!

- Jan Macindoe

Annual General Meeting

The Glebe Society's 2007 AGM will be held at *Benledi* on 26 August at 11am. See p 4.

A new view of an old park

As I drove down St Johns Road the other day, I thought something looked different. Then I realised that the wall surrounding the Wentworth Park Dogs had disappeared and the buildings on the other side of the park were revealed.

It's a pity that Anne Fraser was away camping and missed seeing the results of her and the BCC's efforts unfold.

- **Edwina Doe**

The wall is down! Work in progress at Wenrworth Park, Monday 23 July 2007.
Photo: Edwina Doe



The Tram Sheds

The invitation to comment was made in *The Glebe* newspaper on July 12: "What would you like to see on the site? Write to editor@theglebe.com.au".

It was a good way of slipping the tram sheds into public consciousness once more. The accompanying article featured comments by Andrew Craig and the Harness Racing Club's CEO John Dumesny. Andrew recommended a land sale to the state government, then organic food markets, artists' studios, sales



galleries and craft shops. John Dumesny said he is open to anything that is economically viable.

It will be interesting to see what the public response will be. This is an opportunity for Society members to have their opinions heard on the matter.

It is to be hoped that the photograph of Andrew, Neil and me that accompanied the article in *The Glebe* didn't make people race past the article without reading it! We were just not looking our best that day.

- **Susan Ingram**

A plaque for Kirsova Park?

Dear Lord Mayor, Clover Moore

Re the information on Park Signage in the latest News Letter, I would like to put in a special plea for Kirsova Playground, Wigram Lane, Glebe. This small park is an absolute treasure and one of the City Council's best loved achievements, one of its most used and enjoyed spaces...

As the name implies, the Playground has a very special history, Madam Kirsova buying the land to provide play space for disadvantaged children. There is a similar small playground in Erskineville, that land being given for the same purpose by the same person. The Erskineville Kirsova Playground has a wonderful plaque outlining its history.

Would it be possible to install such a plaque in our Glebe playground?

I look forward to your comments on this issue.

Thank you

Fay Mander Jones
Heritage Subcommittee
The Glebe Society Inc

Dear Fay

Kirsova Playground Park Signage

I refer to your email about the Kirsova Playground at Wigram, Lane.

The City has adopted a new system of park signs, the general design of which includes the opportunity to display interpretive text and images.

As the new park signage is rolled out across the City, we will include information such as the story of Madam Kirsova at Wigram Lane. This will be supported by a research project by the City's History Unit on the history of parks within the City.

City staff are completing a detailed design to enable updated cost estimates for the new signage. This will help to determine how many of over 300 remaining parks can be included in the rollout. This park is not scheduled for the Stage 1 rollout of signage in the coming year, but will be considered for future years.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the new park signage, you can contact Eva Rodriguez Riestra, Public Art Curator on 9265 9333 or at publicart@cftyofofnsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor of Sydney

See "*The Story Behind the Park*" in *Bulletin* 9/2004, October/November 2004, for more information about Madame Helene Kirsova.

Planning Matters

Just a brief report this month, as most issues will be canvassed in the report to the AGM.

Rooftop Motel, 146-8 Glebe Point Road

Like other motels in Glebe, the Rooftop has put in a number of applications to modify its use. As reported in previous *Bulletins*, Glebe motels are under increased pressure from the banks because of heightened competition from discounted city hotels.

Council has approved this latest amended application with conditions. The half of the motel on the northern side, closest to residents, remains a motel of 19 rooms with a maximum of two beds each. The

southern side, adjacent to businesses, will allow backpackers. However, 63sqm must be provided as a public space for the backpackers, so this probably reduces the number of rooms on this side to 19, each with a maximum of four bunks. In addition, there are time restrictions on the use of the roof, and a wall will be extended on the side closest to residents. Management is required to meet with residents every three months to address complaints.

This compromise is unlikely to satisfy anyone. The meetings with management suggests problems are anticipated. The Society does not welcome solutions that put further burdens on residents.

- Neil Macindoe

Foley Park - main works not to begin until July 2008

We are advised that there have been some changes to the budget allocation for Foley Park. The budget for the 07/08 financial year of \$185,000 (of a total for the Park of \$2.7 million) covers mainly consultant fees and the relocation of the Baby Health Centre, which has to happen before the main park works commence.

The City of Sydney website provides the following information on the main works:

“The upgrade will provide a new larger playground, which will be fully fenced and located further away from the busy Bridge Road. The Baby Health centre will be relocated to St Helens, a little further up Glebe Point Road and the existing building in the park demolished to provide additional green open space.

“The existing toilet block will be replaced by a new amenities building near the Bridge Road entry to the park. The War Memorial will retain its current setting but will be better integrated into the park and access around the memorial will be improved.

“Pathways throughout the park will be upgraded and new lighting and furniture installed. The central “Village Green” will be levelled to improve usability of this multifunctional grass area.

“The mature fig trees along the Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road frontage will be retained and protected and new trees planted in and around the new playground and along the boundary to St Johns Church and the retirement village.

“The upgrade also includes a range of interpretive elements which refer to various aspects of the history of the site, including the setting of the former Herford House and the Wireless House.

Construction

“The construction works for the upgrade of Foley Park will need to be coordinated with the concurrent streetscape upgrade of Glebe Point Road. Main upgrade works will commence in mid 2008 during which the park will be closed for about nine months.”

The plan and images of the proposed park improvements are available as downloads from the website.

The Public Art Strategy for the Wireless House was reported in the last *Bulletin* (5/2007 p8). The strategy has been presented to Council’s Planning Department and comments are awaited.

- Bobbie Burke
for the Foley Park Working Group

Renovating in Glebe? Beware of lead

It was only 40 years ago that lead was finally removed from paint. So it is likely that many Glebe houses have high lead levels – in old paint flakes, in the dust, in the roof spaces and even in the ground around the house.

Young children are particularly at risk from exposure to lead because:

- They are ground dwellers
- They eat soil
- Their fingers are often in their mouths
- Lead is sweet (a child might lick or suck a painted surface)

Babies and young children are good at absorbing any lead to which they are exposed: while an adult might absorb 10%, a child could absorb as much as 50%.

The relationship between lead in paint and neurological problems in children was first recognised in the 1890s. It can cause lowered IQs, reduced learning abilities and abnormal behaviour. It can be fatal.

In Australia, 10-15% of preschoolers have higher than desirable lead levels. If you think your child might have been exposed to lead, talk to your GP who can organise a blood test.

Ideally children (particularly babies and preschoolers) and pregnant women should move out during the course of renovations at home or in nearby houses.

Further information is available from the Lead Advisory Service on 9716 0132.

This article appeared in the Glebe Society Bulletin in 2002 (8/2002, p 6). Liz Simpson-Booker suggested that we run it again.



Glebe Trees

We welcome the City of Sydney Council’s tree planting activities throughout Glebe. We hope our new street trees beat the climate and other challenges to their survival.



38th Annual General Meeting

Notice of meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Incorporated will be held at 11am on Sunday 26 August 2007 at Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road (next to Glebe Library).



Nominations for Committee

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM. Nomination forms are available from the Glebe Society Website (www.glebesociety.org.au) or by writing to PO Box 100, Glebe NSW 2037 or phoning the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker, on 9518 6186. Members are warmly encouraged to consider the benefits of active participation in the Society. Nominations close on Friday 17 August 2007.

Invitation

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

Agenda:

- 1 Present
- 2 Apologies
- 3 **Confirmation of the minutes** of the 37th AGM held on 27 August 2006
- 4 President's report
- 5 Subcommittee reports

Copies of the majority of reports will be provided at the AGM. Convenors of Subcommittees will be present to provide updates and/or answer questions.

- 6 Treasurer's report

Motion: That the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007, the TGSI Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2007, be received.

- 7 Election of Office Bearers
- 8 Presentation of Glebe Society Commendations
- 9 Close of meeting

Guest Speaker

We are delighted that **Bruce Lay** has accepted our invitation to speak to members, following the conclusion of the formal meeting agenda.

Bruce was Architect /Planner at Leichhardt Council for more than two decades. He was especially active in three areas affecting Glebe.

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



Letter to the SMH

Colin Jeffrey (Letters, July 21-22), states "The idea behind water supply infrastructure is the provision of safe, clean water to all households..."

I wholeheartedly agree. Last week the water to my home and all the street was cut off, because the local water supply infrastructure failed. On examination, a presumed drip had been found to be a gush of water, and without notice to the householders, the water was turned off to repair the burst water pipe. Burst water pipes seem to be a common occurrence.

Desalination, as advocated by Colin Jeffrey, is a poor solution until the infrastructure to carry that water is secure. I consider it time that Sydney Water, and the state government, followed the example of London. I saw, in Bloomsbury, the progress of their program for replacing the local water supply infrastructure, giving appropriate notice to the residents of that part of the street affected by the work.

It is high time that Sydney Water did likewise, rather than patching around each burst pipe.

Margaret Sheppard (Boyce Street)

News from the City Council

Nick Hespe, who has recently replaced Baharak Sahebkhari as our Manager - Neighbourhood Services Centre at Glebe Town Hall, was a welcome visitor to the July Management Committee Meeting.

Among other things, Nick mentioned that:

- the Glebe Point Road update is due to start in August and contracts have been awarded. The City is in detailed discussion with the successful contractor about the start date and start location, which will be announced as soon as possible. There will be regular public meetings to keep the community informed about the progress of the project.
- while he was in discussion with local and City community workers about community transport, the issue of shopping trolleys came up. Nick will report to the next meeting on what the City is currently doing about shopping trolleys in Glebe.

Incinerator conservation wins awards

The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator in Glebe has been the recipient of two awards in the National Trust Heritage Awards for 2007. The conservation project itself (Godden Mackay Logan Pty Ltd/Australand Holdings Pty Ltd /SJB Architects) was Highly Commended, and the Walter Burley Griffin Society received an Award for interpretation and presentation.

See the National Trust website for further details.



The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator.
Photo: Adrienne Kabos

Shopping Trolleys - the campaign continues

Cr Robyn Kemmis
City of Sydney

9 July, 2007

Dear Robyn

Shopping trolley management by Broadway Shopping Centre

Members of The Glebe Society are concerned that Broadway Shopping Centre is not adequately implementing the 'Shopping Trolley Management Strategy', and that the Strategy itself is inadequate to the problem. The Strategy was developed by the Centre as a condition of consent required by the City of Sydney Council for the Centre's 2005 Development Application.

Key points from the Strategy, and our experience of how they are being implemented (*in italics*) are:

1.2 A maximum of 24 hours for collection of individual trolleys which have been left in public places in the surrounding locality.

Members frequently note that trolleys are uncollected for several days, even after reporting to Trolley Tracker.

Council itself is often left to collect trolleys, and we understand that Trolley Tracker then takes them from Council Depot for no fee.

1.3 Broadway Shopping Centre to implement signage regarding the nuisance of abandoned trolleys, penalties that are liable for dumping of trolleys, and a contact number for the industry collection service, ie Trolley Tracker.

The signs are inconspicuous (an A4 notice) and do not mention 'penalties that are liable for dumping trolleys'. The Trolley Tracker contact number is not user friendly, with members finding that they wait in a queue to speak to an operator.

1.4 Broadway Shopping Centre to facilitate the installation of Trolley Tracker contact number tag/signage onto relevant trolleys used at Broadway Shopping Centre.

Neither Coles nor BiLo have tags/signs on their trolleys. Harris Farm appears to be the only retailer to provide the Trolley Tracker contact number on their trolleys.

More broadly, the Shopping Trolley Management Strategy is inadequate to the

problem. The Local Government Association *Code of Practice for Management of Shopping Trolleys* (January 2004), for example, lists a dozen possible strategies for a public education program. Only two of these are incorporated in the Broadway Strategy (signs at the entrance, and tags in trolleys) and neither has been adequately implemented.

Council itself has accepted some responsibility in this area, with the Local Action Plan incorporating 'Removal of trolleys to improve cleaning beyond main streets', with specific reference to:

- Develop and implement a new policy to improve trolley management.
- Work with Broadway Shopping Centre to improve trolley collection

The Council contribution could include a better researched and imaginative strategy to meet the needs of local residents who walk to and from the Broadway Centre.

The Strategy comments

"It is a fact that for many patrons including the old and less able, trolleys provide a means to get shopping home, and without them such trips would be arduous and difficult exercises."

The suggestion that pushing a heavy, cumbersome and often poorly maintained shopping trolley along the footpath could be a preferred option for the "old and less able" is laughable to anyone who has struggled with trolleys even in the relatively convenient environment of the store. A home delivery service, or the promotion of small personal shopping trolleys, possibly sold at a discount, would surely provide a better customer service.

The Glebe Society would be happy to work with Council on improving shopping trolley management as part of the Local Action Plan. In the meantime we believe that Council needs to hold discussions with the Broadway Shopping Centre on fully implementing their existing Strategy, and to apply penalties where conditions are not met, for example by charging an appropriate fee for collection of trolleys from Council Depot.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Macindoe
President, The Glebe Society Inc

To: trolleys@pacificservices.com.au

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 6:34pm

Subject: Abandoned shopping trolleys in Glebe

I got your name from my copy of the Glebe Society *Bulletin*. I walked today in Glebe and was surprised at how many abandoned shopping trolleys there were. I think they are all from Coles Broadway. Here is where eight of them are:

106 Darghan Street; Cnr Bellevue Lane and Lyndhurst Street; 164 Glebe Point Road; 210 Bridge Road; Cnr Minogue Crescent & Hereford Street; 125 Wigram Road (there are three in the front yard of this rented house).

Regards
Wayne Carveth



Australia Post can't help.

Photo: Edwina Doe

From: [Trolleys](#)

To: [Wayne Carveth](#)

Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2007 6:39pm

Subject: Re: Abandoned shopping trolleys in Glebe

Wayne

We haven't done the trolley services there for almost 2 years. I don't know who the current contractors are. Can I suggest you call the Coles store manager and he will be able to help you.

Regards

Stephen P. Hills
Director, Integrated Trolley Management Pty Ltd



Calling Friends of Forest Lodge Public School

Are you a former Forest Lodge Public School student, parent or teacher? Do you have some other connection with the school? Do you have memories of Forest Lodge, its students, its history or events surrounding it?

Forest Lodge Public School turns 125 next year. The school's P&C Association is planning to mark the occasion by publishing a history and would like it to include stories about people who have been involved with the school.

Do you have photographs, schoolbooks, uniforms, examples of schoolwork or other memorabilia that you would like to share? We would love to talk to you.

Do you remember events such as sports days, school excursions or schoolyard pranks? Do certain teachers stand out? Did you have a favourite teacher? Can you think of students who went on to make a mark on society? Were you good at sport? What was discipline like? What was in your lunchbox? Did you have a tuckshop favourite? What shoes did you wear?

Forest Lodge and Glebe are cultural melting pots and have witnessed many of the social changes that have shaped Australia. Only 25 years ago the suburb was a polluted industrial zone. Today our school is part of a community that successfully blends people from many backgrounds. It is often the first introduction to Australia for newly arriving immigrants, many of whom do not speak English as their first language.

We are looking for inspiring stories about our school to include in the history. Please get in touch.

Contact: Emily Booker, P & C Association

Forest Lodge Public School, Cnr Ross Street and Bridge Road, Glebe, NSW 2037

Email: emilybooker@yahoo.com

Phone: 02 9660 3530

The 18th Annual Glebe Music Festival

The Glebe Music Festival, now in its 18th year, runs from Saturday 10 November to Sunday 2 December. There will be concerts to satisfy many and varied musical tastes.

In the music room at Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street, Glebe Point, on Saturday 17 November, the internationally acclaimed violinist Ronald Woodcock will perform the complete Six Solo Sonatas Op. 27 of Eugene Ysaye in two one-and-a-quarter hour recitals (the first three sonatas at 5pm and the second three at 7.30pm; food and drinks will be served at 6.30pm). Each sonata was dedicated to a famous violinist and



Margaretta Cottage

friend of Ysaye's - Kreisler, Szigeti, Thibaud, Enesco, Quiroga and Crickboom - and reflects Ysaye's admiration of and affection for each musician. Mr Woodcock will intersperse each sonata with a short talk about Ysaye's life as a virtuoso violinist, composer, teacher and conductor. Tickets \$20 for the 5pm concert, \$20 for the food and drinks, \$20 for the 7-30pm concert (concession \$10/\$10/\$10). Feel free to come to any combination of concerts and food and drinks.

In the gardens of Margaretta Cottage, on Sunday afternoon 18 November at 3pm, there will be a concert by the 6-piece Nepalese band Sangeet (Ajay Goldsmith: vocal and guitar; Dave Baird: guitar; Tony Marinelli: bass guitar; Alex Parkhomenko: keyboards; Seth McIntyre: drums; Tim D'Wit:

harmonica). Their repertoire covers Nepalese folk music, Indian classical music, rock, pop, blues, fusion and world music. Further details about the band are available at www.sangeetband.com Tickets \$20 (concession \$10) includes refreshments. In the event of bad weather, the concert will be held indoors.

At St Scholastica's Chapel (2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point), there will be two concerts. The first is on Sunday afternoon 25 November at 3pm and features the Brazilian classical guitarist Murilo Tanouye plus chamber music with harpsichord. Tickets \$20 (concession \$10). The second is on Sunday 2 December at 3pm by Coro Innominata. Tickets can be booked directly at www.innominata.org

There will be the usual free "Glebe Society" concert at the Great Hall, University of Sydney, by the Conservatorium of Music's Ensembles Studies Unit, on Thursday 15 November at 7.30pm. All those purchasing tickets for other concerts (other than Innominata) will automatically be sent tickets for the Great Hall concert.

Details about other concerts will be provided in a future Bulletin. Advance bookings for the 18th Annual Glebe Music Festival can be made by sending an email to mcintosh@glebemusicfestival.com. Booking forms will shortly be available at www.glebemusicfestival.com and will of course be mailed out and distributed in the *Bulletin*.

- David McIntosh

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 *Bulletin 4/2007* or you can renew online via the Society's web site (www.glebesociety.org.au) using your credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT) You will need to follow the link from the home page to the electronic renewal form.

Coro Innominata presents

Brilliant Baroque

on Sunday 19 August, at 3pm at Saint Scholastica's Chapel,

Cnr. Avenue and Arcadia Roads, Glebe.

Tickets \$35/\$30. Enquiries 0413 440 173

More details at www.innominata.org

Glebe News

Another successful Glebe Art Show

Clover Moore, our exuberant and hard working Lord Mayor, opened the 10th annual Glebe Art Show on Friday, 29 June at its usual site, the Glebe Library and the adjacent Benledi Rooms. In her remarks she highlighted the immense turnout - the Glebe community spirit reinforced by many friends from other communities - ensuring a warm and positive experience. People do seem to look forward to this exhibition every year as it now has become one of our defining local events. This year, 21 of the exhibited art works were sold.

The judge for most of the prizes was Ingrid Hoffman, Director of Hawkesbury Regional Gallery.

Ursula Kolbe was awarded the \$3,000 Open Prize, donated by the City of Sydney Council and the Glebe Art Show Committee, for her oil painting, "*Street Stories: Glebe*".

Leonora Howlett was awarded the \$1,000 Works-on-Paper Prize, donated by the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, for her watercolour, "*The Edge*".

Fiona Robards was awarded the \$1,000 Photography Prize, donated by the Hindmarsh family, for her photograph, "*Night Swimming*". This specific category was judged by Tony Deguara, Head Teacher of the Sydney Gallery School at Meadowbank.

Lucinda Verge Wallace was awarded the \$1,000 Youth Prize, donated by Dr. David Nguyen of Glebe, for her photograph, "*The Big Picture*".

Dennis Meagher was awarded the \$300 People's Prize, donated by Ray White Real Estate, Glebe for his acrylic painting "*Sisters II*".

The Show wishes to extend very special thanks for the help, cooperation and support from our wonderful librarian, Margaret Whittaker and her superb staff.

I also wish to extend special thanks to the sponsors of the show, not forgetting the generosity of Tim Smith of Glebe Liquors and our many helpers - hangers, cleaners, sitters etc.

- Robin Lawrence, Glebe Art Show

Film night stirs memories



Left to right - Pat Fiske, Gaylene Harkin and Jan Wilson. Photo: Bruce Davis

On Tuesday 24 July Director Pat Fiske introduced her 1985 film *Rocking the Foundations* to an audience of Glebe Society members and friends. The story of the Builders Labourers' Federation and the Green Bans, including the battle to save Glebe, revived memories for many of those present, especially Gaylene Harkin, a Rocks resident who appeared in the film.

We thank Sydney Secondary College for providing the venue and Jan Wilson for arranging this stimulating evening.

Coming events at the Glebe Library

Saturday 18 August, 1.30 - 2.45pm

"*Ancient China and Japan*", a "Food talk" by Heather Bentley.

In this talk Heather includes information on the history, etiquette and ritual of sushi. Heather will be giving more talks in October, about food in the Middle Ages. Free. Booking essential at Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road.

Saturday 1 September, 2pm. Actor and writer Shane Briant.

Saturday 15 September, 2pm. Dorothy McRae- McMahon - "*The sustaining of hope*"

Wednesday 19 September, 6.30 for 7pm

Official opening of photographic exhibition *Across Antarctica - With Fuchs - 50 Years Ago*, the Commonwealth Trans Antarctic Exhibition 1955-1958.

This is a "Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library" fundraising event.

Cost: \$7 members/\$10 non-members. Light refreshments included. Booking essential.

Contact the Glebe Library, 9518 6055, for more information about these events.

The Old Man's Hat

This small restaurant, opposite St Johns Church, opened at the end of June. The article below, which was in the July email issue of *Sydney Eats Restaurant News* prompted a friend and me to have an enjoyable lunch there recently. Let's all go there for the *Thirsty Thursday* dinner on 6 September.

- Edwina Doe

Look, I'm sorry this is another Glebe story, but there's a lot happening there at the moment. There's a site on Glebe Point Road that began fitting out as a café nine, ten months ago. Then nothing. The place is finished, looks good, lovely red-coloured walls. But nothing. Then, recently, up goes a sign: The Old Man's Hat Organic Café Restaurant. Well, I'm intrigued. What's the story?

Story one, the long gap. Owner Jim Anagnostis tells me that two weeks into their fitout, there was a fire. Then a loooong wait until the insurance company came up with the dough to rebuild the kitchen. That happened (in the meantime they'd finished the fit) and then the sign went up. Jim tells me he's been a cook, but this is his first solo gig. It's organic because he's been eating organic for a few years now and he feels better for it. It'll be a little bit Greek, a little bit café. There's a mezze plate - The Old Man's Hat Platter - plus organic fish, chicken, beef and pork burgers, salads, pastas and desserts made on the spot.

Story two, the name. "When I was a kid living on the island of Lesbos," Jim told me, "every Sunday, my grandfather would go out to his farm - they lived off the produce - and he'd wear a big old hat. When he came back, the hat would be full of walnuts tomatoes, grapes, all the stuff he grew - all organic, of course - and he'd say these are for you. He's gone now, but the drawing on the sign is him and the hat is his." He might be gone, Jim, but not forgotten. 197 Glebe Point Road 9566 1923.

Would you like to participate in running the Glebe Society?

There will be elections for the Management Committee at the AGM on Sunday 26 August. Nominations close on Friday 17 August. See page 4.

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.

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

There is a change of plan for Thursday 6 September. We can't go to the Glebe Point Diner, as the maximum their kitchen staff can serve at one time is six people. Instead we will visit the recently reopened Harold Park Hotel, in Wigram Road.

On Thursday 4 October we will go to the new restaurant at Glebe Point Road, mentioned on page 7 - Old Mans Hat.

Bargain!!

There are a few Glebe Point Road Hessian Bags left, and at \$6 each they are a bargain. Contact Fay on 9552 4172

Antique Oak and Pine Dresser for Sale

This restored and attractive early 1900s kitchen/dining room dresser has a hutch with three shelves and six spice drawers. The base has a cupboard, four drawers and two sliding servery hatches. Very good condition. Bargain price, \$650 ono. Phone Margaret Cody, Glebe, 9692 9384 or 0419 426 174.

This year marks New Theatre's 75th birthday

Next up in Glebe Society member Lyn Collingwood's series of readings of plays which have been banned or censored are:

Till The Day I Die by Clifford Odets, Directed by Lee Lewis

New Theatre 542 King Street Newtown, Sunday 29 July at 1pm.

Sumner Locke Elliott's *Rusty Bugles*, Sunday 12 August at 1pm. Tickets: \$15. Bookings 9519 3403, or available at the door

Google "New Theatre Sydney" for more information.

History Week 2007- Sydney Harbour History Cruise

An informative commentary will be provided as you cruise around Sydney Harbour onboard the historic timber ferry, MV Proclaim. The cruise aims to encourage an interest and enjoyment of history by examining issues and events around the legacy of a maritime city. The cruise includes:

- BYO picnic lunch at Garden Island
- Entry to Royal Australian Navy Heritage Centre
- Map and photographs

When: Sunday 16 September 2007, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm, departing Commissioners Steps, Circular Quay

Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 children (5-15 yrs). Bookings essential

More info: Lessons Afloat, ph 9929 4919, email info@lessonsafloat.com.au

Interested in engineering and technology?

ASHET, the Australian Society for History of Engineering and Technology, was formed in June 2003. Its objects are to encourage and promote community.

ASHET has an interesting program of talks and visits. The next is a talk by Brian Pearson on *Engineering Timber Truss Bridges* on Tuesday 31 July

History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, 5.30 for 6 pm.

The cost is \$7, including light refreshments on arrival .

Phone RAHS on 9247 8001 or email history@rahs.org.au to book.

See the ASHET website, www.aset.org.au for further details and news of their other events.

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For your diary ...

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.

Saturday 18 August, 1.30-2.45pm -Food Talk by Heather Bentley - Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road. See Page 7.

Sunday 19 August, 3pm - Coro Innominata Brilliant Baroque, St Scholastica's Chapel.

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

Thursday 6 September, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Harold Park Hotel, Wigram Road. Note change of venue.

Wednesday 12 September, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting - The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Thursday 4 October, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - Old Mans Hat - 197 Glebe Point Road.

10 November to 2 December - The 18th Annual Glebe Music Festival.

Sunday 11 May 2008 - Wentworth Park Community Games Day.

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

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Website

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The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to webmaster@glebesociety.org.au

The Bulletin

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

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The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of August. The deadline for contributions is **22 August**.

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