



Congratulations to our new City Council team

The Glebe Society congratulates the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, and all other councillors on their recent election, and looks forward to a productive relationship with the new Council.

The clear vote by residents against introducing a ward system settles that question, and it is no doubt appropriate that councillors need to focus not just on their local area but on the broader issues that face Sydney as a global city.

However, it does mean that we now have only one councillor who is a resident of Glebe - Meredith Burgmann, the sole Labor member of Council. In the last Council the Glebe Society was able to approach both Robyn Kemmis and Verity Firth with confidence that they already had the background, as local residents, to issues of concern for us. The Society must accept that it will need to work a little harder to keep councillors informed about Glebe issues, and must build a good working relationship with all councillors. We have no doubt that good will is there.

- Jan Macindoe

City of Sydney Election Results

As a result of the election on 13 September, the following Councillors will be serving with Lord Mayor Clover Moore on the City of Sydney Council:

- Phillip Black (Independent Team)
- Meredith Burgmann (Labor)
- Irene Doutney (The Greens)
- Chris Harris (The Greens)
- Marcelle Hoff (Independent Team)
- Robert Kok (Independent Team)
- Shayne Mallard (Liberal)
- John McInerney (Independent Team)
- Di Tornai (Independent Team)

Former councillors and Glebe residents Robyn Kemmis and Verity firth did not stand for re-election.

A majority of voters (58%) voted 'no' on the referendum about wards.

Don't forget the Trivia Night on Wednesday 15 October, supporting Glebe Public School's 150th anniversary. See Page 8.



Lord Mayor Clover Moore at our meeting on 13 September. Photo: Edwina Doe

Meeting the Candidates

Sixty people attended the public meeting on 3 September, to meet the candidates in the Mayoral election. Four candidates addressed the meeting:

- Meredith Burgmann (Labor)
- Chris Harris (The Greens)
- Shayne Mallard (Liberal)
- Clover Moore (Clover Moore Independent Team)

The Glebe Society provided four questions which the candidates were asked to address in their comments to the meeting. As all four of the candidates who addressed the meeting are now on Council, their views are still of interest. The main points made by the candidates on the four issues are summarised below.

- Jan Macindoe

Candidates' responses

Heritage protection

Burgmann: The new planning laws have not changed protection of heritage. Councils still have control over procedures to protect heritage.

Harris: The Glebe area has a Heritage Study with detailed mapping, and what is in the LEP is legally protected, although the State Government laws have been strengthened. Council is very positive towards heritage. The City has a large heritage team, and amazingly detailed work has been done. There is nothing to worry about in Glebe as the City is in a strong position to protect heritage.

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39th Annual General Meeting

Meeting Report

It was very much 'business as usual' at the Glebe Society's AGM, held at *Benledi* on 31 August.

Our President Jan Macindoe chaired the meeting, which was attended by 35 Members. Jan's report to the meeting is on this page of the *Bulletin*. Sub-committee Convenors' reports have been published in recent *Bulletins* and there were no follow-up questions about them.

As there were no nominations for the position of President, Jan agreed to stay in the job until the end of the year, when she will have to retire on completing her two year term.

Bruce Davis agreed once again to serve as Vice-president, until another Vice-president is found, ideally someone who will move into the President's role in due course. Liz Simpson-Booker continues as the Society's Secretary.

There were changes to the rest of the Committee. Dorothy Hoddinott and Lesley Lynch have joined the Committee and Simon Fraser has stepped down.

Dorothy Hoddinott AO was also our guest speaker. Her talk about the education system and the experiences of refugees held the audience spellbound. We will feature an article by Dorothy in a future *Bulletin*.

We all then took the opportunity to catch up with friends, while enjoying the refreshments provided by Events Coordinator Dorothy Davis and her helpers.



Dorothy Hoddinott at the AGM.
Photo: Bruce Davis

President's Report - Jan Macindoe

The Society has been involved in two major events this year which have captured the imagination and involvement of the broader community, and resulted in considerable positive publicity. These of course were the Wentworth Park Day in May, and the Blue Wren planting in late July. It seems to me that both these events demonstrate some very healthy trends in the way the Society is operating.

The Wentworth Park Day was hugely popular, with something like 2000 people taking part, and it received wonderful media coverage, largely because the Mongrel's Cup was such a wondrously enjoyable and photogenic event. Preparation for the event went on over a very long period, and involved challenges that Anne Fraser and the committee probably don't want to be reminded of. I'll just gently hint at insurance, security and first aid.

And the Day itself was only the most conspicuous public promotion of the considerable changes that had already been achieved in relation to Wentworth Park – the improvement to paths and recreational facilities, and the opening up of the greyhound race-track, which has made such a difference to the visual impact, and public perception, of those buildings.

Wentworth Park Day and the other significant improvements to the Wentworth Park complex were, of course, not achieved by the Glebe Society. The major player was BCC – the Blackwattle Cove Coalition – which includes a large number of Glebe Society members as well as representatives from Pymont and Ultimo. And BCC itself was hugely indebted to the Wentworth Park Trust and greyhound racing fraternity for making Wentworth Park Day possible at all. The more extensive changes were funded jointly by Council and the Wentworth Park Trust.

This, however, is my point. I believe that the effectiveness of the Glebe Society, its ability to respond to the emerging opportunities and challenges that constantly arise for inner-city residents, depends on forming new

alliances, and working with any other residents who share our passion for strengthening community ties and preserving and enhancing existing heritage and amenities.

The Blue Wren project is another model of such collaboration. The project began spontaneously from the shared interest of some neighbours living around St James Park. They put together a submission for a City of Sydney Council Environmental Grant. To receive funding they needed to be linked to an incorporated organisation – becoming a sub-committee of the Glebe Society allowed them to meet that condition. The Society gained by being joined to a group of such enthusiastic residents who put in the hard yards, followed through with persistence and commitment and showed brilliant skills in using the media to promote their cause. It has given us some fresh insight into the kind of environmental project that can capture people's interest and involvement which I hope we can build on for the future. I hope that the group itself found the experience of working with the Glebe Society to be helpful.

There are further examples of the Glebe Society working as part of a broader group towards a specific goal – with the end point coming up later this year. One example is the Glebe Society lending its support to the formation of a City of Sydney U3A. The small working group preparing for this includes mainly Glebe Society members, but also representatives from Ultimo, Pymont and Surry Hills. However, once the CoS U3A is launched at a public meeting planned for November, it will have a much broader membership and role, and the involvement of the Glebe Society will be finished, but we can be proud of having played that 'midwife' role in bringing it into the world.

A second example is the support that the Glebe Society is providing to Glebe Public School for the celebration of their sesquicentenary on 3 November. Our members, Katherine Vernon, Lyn Collingwood and others, are planning a memorable event to enable Glebe Primary ex-students, teachers and parents to reflect with

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pride on the school's 150 year history. And all members will be invited to attend a fund-raising trivia night, being organised by Dorothy Davis and Simon Fraser for 15 October, to provide a Glebe Society donation to mark the school's historic anniversary.

These special collaborative projects emphasise another important quality that allows the Glebe Society to achieve the success that it does, and that is the way in which our members willingly offer to assist, and to contribute their skills, imagination and enthusiasm to such a wide variety of causes and challenges. If the Glebe Society had to rely only on the efforts of the management committee, we'd be a much reduced force. It is the involvement of the broader membership that makes us a very vital organisation going into our fortieth year.

The task of communicating to Society members, and other residents, is another area where the generous, and consistent, work by members over the past year has been outstanding. The website development team has been working cohesively for many months, but the contribution of Vicky Marquis, Steve Tuttle and Peter Thorogood need particular mention. The new look of our website is the first solid achievement of the group, and there is more to come.

The *Bulletin* is an ongoing marvel, with more interesting news, in my opinion, than most of the local press. Edwina is of course the lynch-pin of this undertaking, though a small but persistent group assists each month with preparing the *Bulletin* for posting, assisted as well by Bruce Davis, whose contribution in so many areas is critical to the Society's smooth functioning. But the *Bulletin* depends essentially on its contributors, and again, we see a wide range of members making a contribution over time. One I'd particularly like to thank is Lyn Collingwood, whose column 'Who lived in your street?' is always fascinating, and gives us a dazzling model of what local history research can uncover. I hope we can find a way for more of us to learn from Lyn's skills in researching our local area, in the coming year.

Fortunately being part of the Glebe Society isn't all dedication and hard work. The Society's social calendar has plenty to offer, and the popularity of our social events continues to grow. We do, of course, have the benefit of some wonderful venues, some of them generously offered by members. Late last year, the High Tea at *The Retreat*, and the Christmas party at *Lyndhurst* were memorable events of this kind. However, just a get-together to eat and drink is satisfying, as the popularity of Thirsty Thursday, and the recent wine tasting at *Cucina di Lusso* testify.

So, what do we see lying ahead in 2009? There are good things to look forward to – the blessed end point of the Glebe Point Road upgrade, an upgrade for Foley Park, our forty year celebrations and the municipality's sesquicentenary. The possible sale of Harold Park Paceway lies ahead – but then we thought it did last year, showing that one should never get too excited about what may or may not happen in the future. Alas, the still uncertain fate of *Bellevue* is another lesson of that kind.

Within the Society, there are some challenges we will need to address. As we have been saying for some time, we need to get working on researching the parts of our built heritage that are currently under-documented. We need to consolidate and find a new focus for environmental concerns. Chris Hallam, our invaluable resource in matters to do with traffic, wishes to step down from the position of convenor, and we need someone to take up that role. While we may not know how these matters will pan out at the moment, we can be confident that new and interesting ideas and approaches will emerge.

And finally, I cannot conclude any reflection on the past year without acknowledging the huge debt I owe personally, as does the Glebe Society more broadly, to the generosity, the consistent support and extraordinary expertise of our Secretary Liz Simpson-Booker and Treasurer and Vice-President Bruce Davis. Cloning is the only sensible way forward.

- Jan Macindoe

'Thank you' to Chris Hallam

Chris Hallam has retired from the position of convenor of the Society's Transport and Traffic Subcommittee, due to pressure of work. Chris has brought his professional expertise and local commitment to the position since 2004, when he replaced another distinguished traffic engineer, Steve Stewart.

One of the early issues that arose was the Cross-city Tunnel, then in the planning stage. Chris questioned the need for the tunnel and the RTA's predictions, and arranged for 'before' and 'after' traffic counts. He also provided valuable advice on the traffic impacts of a number of major development proposals, including the Dry Boat Storage and the Tramsheds.

Chris organised a series of meetings to discuss the Society's input into the Local Area Traffic Management scheme for Glebe and how this was to meld with the Glebe Point Road upgrade, including support for the imposition of a 40 km/hr speed limit, now implemented, and appropriate traffic calming devices.

He is a former associate of Chris Stapleton, author of *Ideas in the Absence of a Vision for Sydney*, a comprehensive metropolitan transport plan, and represented the Society at the Sustainable Transport Forum organised by 10,000 Friends of Sydney. His advocacy of improved transport measures for Glebe and for better transport solutions for the entire City has been forceful, practical and timely and the Society thanks him for his efforts.

Jan Wilson has generously taken on the position of Transport and Traffic Convenor, drawing on her experience, especially through CoGG (Coalition of Glebe Groups) with the traffic issues related to the Glebe Point Road upgrade. Anyone who would like to work with Jan, or give input on a transport/traffic issue, is invited to contact her on 9660 2698 or janwil @bigpond.com.

- Neil Macindoe

Where next for the Society's sub-committee for the Environment?

The system of sub-committees has always been one of the strengths of the Glebe Society, enabling it to tackle particular areas of interest or concern, and drawing on the expertise and enthusiasm of its members. The sub-committees themselves have varied considerably over time, depending on the challenges of the day. For many years Parks and Gardens were an areas of focus, reflecting the fact that when the Society was first formed, Glebe was a generally treeless area, with only limited garden display, either private or public. Even until quite recently, members felt the need to watch over our public parks and lobby Council to ensure their maintenance and expansion.

Local parks have benefited greatly from the greater resources provided by the City of Sydney, and the focus of the Society in relation to parks and gardens has changed. The Blue Wren project has drawn attention to an unintended outcome of the greater emphasis on large trees and a general 'clean' look. There has been a reduction in the shrubby vegetation which was home to small birds, such as wrens and silver eyes, while the tall trees have encouraged larger birds, many of whom prey on the smaller ones. The Blue Wren group intends to continue to lobby for appropriate planting to encourage small birds on public and private land.

More broadly, current concern for the environment is both more challenging and more difficult to grapple with at the local level, taking in such large issues as global warming, sustainability and biodiversity. A 'Glebe Against Global Warming' group was formed in 2006 with Bill McCarthy as convenor, with a focus on awareness raising. The group arranged a preview screening of the landmark film, *An Inconvenient Truth*, which was attended by one hundred and fifty members and friends, and also developed and distributed a leaflet outlining action that individuals can take as well as our expectation of government. Since then, this issue has become very much a mainstream political issue – though

no one would say that appropriate action by government is assured, or that local action was not needed!

The challenge for the Society is to identify the way that we, as Glebe residents, can best contribute to environmental issues by 'thinking globally and acting locally'. Past suggestions have included:

- publicising, perhaps through an award, actions taken by members to decrease energy and water use in their own homes;
- arranging excursions to demonstration 'green houses';
- a special issue of the Glebe Society Bulletin with a 'green' theme;
- exploring community garden options;
- a plastic bag free Glebe.

If you have ideas about the direction we should take, or would just like to be part of the discussion, we'd like to hear from you. We need to form a new sub-committee with a focus on sustainability. If you are interested, please contact Jan Macindoe on 9660 0208 or email, macindoe@bigpond.net.au Don't be shy – no-one knows the answers, we just need people who are willing to try!

- Jan Macindoe

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Mayoral Candidates' responses to Glebe Society's questions

Heritage Protection

Mallard: Supports Council's position on Heritage protection.

Moore: Heritage is important. The City has adopted a new Heritage Control Plan and established Heritage grants. A Heritage Study for Glebe has been completed and the previous single Conservation Area has been replaced by seven distinct areas. Glebe Point Road has been designated a Heritage Streetscape.

Sustainability

Burgmann: The current document is about how Council will reduce carbon footprint, but doesn't say what citizens can do. There is a need for suggestions for residents.

Harris: The environment is not just a factor, but the **only** factor. The Greens Party supports any environmental strategies in the Sydney 2030 Plan, but does not support everything in the Plan. Would support 100 community gardens in the LGA; farmers markets; a zero waste policy by 2020; second-hand Saturdays; a model sustainable house; and a plastic bag strategy.

Mallard: In support of Council's strategies.

Moore: Sustainable Sydney 2030 is the Independent Team's vision for the future.

Affordable housing

Burgmann: Supports affordable housing for key workers.

Harris: Endorses affordable housing. People affected will be rehoused and some reallocated. Don't agree with the sale of land.

Mallard: Don't support Council's Memorandum of Understanding regarding affordable housing – it is not Council's responsibility. Council should rely on a levy on developers to provide sustainable housing.

Moore: Affordable housing is important. There is a six month feasibility study into affordable housing which can be used in other LGAs. We have a full-time public housing officer.

Future of Harold Park

Burgmann: Not suitable for high rise. There is a need for community consultation, but the community needs services such as aged and childcare.

Harris: Should stay as open space. Don't support the University there; would need to see controls before approving purchase by the University of Sydney.

Mallard: Prefer it to stay zoned open space. It is healthy for it to be part of a strong education zone, rather than for housing.

Moore: Don't support rezoning of Harold Park site. Will take community advice concerning its appropriateness for affordable housing.

Planning Matters

Rooster becomes Feather Duster

Frank Sartor knew he was likely to be moved from the Planning Portfolio (and the Arts portfolio) in a cabinet reshuffle. Hence he took the precaution of appointing a tribunal headed by Gabrielle Kibble to determine Section 3A State significant development, and also approved the controversial Catherine Hill Bay development on the Central Coast.

What he did not know was that by the end of the week (5 September) there would be a new Premier and Frank would be relegated to the back bench. If he had remained in Cabinet he would have been able to keep an eye on his old portfolio. Now the future of the legislation, law since 1 September, having just scraped through the Upper House, is much more shaky. It is extremely unpopular at local government level, and probably led to the ALP losses on 13 September. The attitude of the new and untested Minister, Christina Keneally, is unknown. She has, however, been involved in obtaining donations from developers.

Bellevue, Blackwattle Bay Park

Glebe Point residents obtained a copy of the independent assessor's report through Freedom of Information. Not surprisingly the report identifies traffic, parking and noise as the major problems with the Tea Rooms proposal, and concludes the measures to deal with these issues are insufficient.

The conclusion is that it is difficult to envisage a successful restaurant proposal.

The Society is particularly concerned about the renovated building remaining unoccupied and closed to the public. The Society will press for a low impact solution to be found as quickly as possible.

69-71 Hereford Street (also Alfred Lane and Minogue Crescent)

This site, formerly owned by the Department of Planning, was proposed to have six townhouses at the rear of the existing two two-storey terraces. The proposal attracted resident opposition, which the Society supported. The Application has been refused.

Vale Issy Wyner

When we returned from Europe in 1974 we lived first in Leichhardt, then in Balmain. The 1977 campaign of

Nick Origlass and Issy Wyner was our introduction to Leichhardt politics.

The team of Nick Origlass and Issy Wyner was central to resident opposition to overdevelopment and authoritarian, often corrupt, right wing control of Leichhardt Council. Their roots were in the radical maritime unionism of Balmain, where they headed the Trotskyite faction. Their greatest achievement was the introduction of Open Council in 1971, when the barrier separating councillors from the public was symbolically removed, and Council business opened to public scrutiny and participation.

Nick always led the ticket in Council elections. Consequently he was elected almost continuously from 1958 and was Mayor several times. Issy, who played a strong supporting role, had several gaps in his service, and was Mayor just once, in 1989, after he returned to do battle with the regime of the Annandale Stalinist, Bill Brady. However, by general consent he was the better mayor, and his chairing more orderly. Nick's talents were better suited to opposition.

Although he had not been a Councillor since 1990 Issy's legacy remains, and the place of Origlass and Wyner in history is secure.

- Neil Macindoe

New U3A for City of Sydney

Residents of the City of Sydney are planning to establish a University of the Third Age (U3A) to begin courses for retired people from February 2009.

A meeting to establish the U3A will be held at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street (between Park and Bathurst Streets) on Saturday, 8 November at 3pm.

The meeting has been organised by an interim committee which includes several Glebe Society members, and which is chaired by Neil Macindoe. Other members come from inner city suburbs and have experience in the U3A movement.

The meeting will explain the U3A concept, outline likely courses, and explain how you can participate. Membership of the new U3A will cost \$35 a year.

U3A is an international movement which has been operating in Australia since 1984.

It provides learning and social opportunities for people in their 'third age', the post-retirement stage of life when they have time to widen their horizons.

U3As are voluntary non-profit organisations which offer retired people low cost educational opportunities to help them stay active in mind and body. There are no formal entry requirements, no examinations and no awards.

U3As are basically self-help volunteer groups enabling older people to gain or maintain skills and knowledge, and provide learning opportunities at the lowest possible cost. Target groups are retired or semi-retired people over 50 years of age.

The movement follows the medieval concept of 'University' as a community of scholars where there is no distinction between teachers and students. A leader of one class is likely to become a student in another class. All the work is done by volunteers who lead, convene and co-ordinate courses, provide catering, undertake the administration and work on the management committee. Volunteers make the concept of the U3A possible.

The first U3A in New South Wales was established in the Shoalhaven district. There are now more than 50 autonomous U3As with a total of more than 20,000 members, in NSW.

Sydney U3A Inc already exists and caters for most of metropolitan Sydney, but it does not cater specifically for the City of Sydney local government area.

The interim organising committee believes there should be a U3A catering specifically for the City of Sydney LGA which has a large residential population close to 160,000, including more than 40,000 of people over 50 years of age.

Who lived in your street?

Maybanke Anderson (1845 – 1927) and Francis Anderson (1858 – 1941)

For a number of years while Francis Anderson was Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney, he and his wife Maybanke divided their time between *Apricot*, a 'picturesque town house' at 27 Arundel Street, and a larger property at Pittwater, near Bayview Post Office. The Andersons were at number 27 from ca 1910 to 1916. Their predecessors were the Byrne family of horsebreakers, saddlers and curriers. Robert Parkin Elliott Read, a valuer, moved in during 1917.

Maybanke Susannah Selfe (her first name the surname of her great-great-grandfather) landed in Sydney in 1855 with her brothers and parents Henry, a plumber, and Elizabeth, a strong advocate of women's independence. The family settled in The Rocks. In 1867, the year Maybanke married timber merchant Edmund Wolstenholme, her father drowned in the Nepean River. Other deaths followed. Of Edmund and Maybanke's seven children, James, Hilda, Norman and Bertha died in infancy, and Arthur aged 23 drowned in a shipwreck. In the 1880s the Wolstenholmes moved from Snails Bay, Balmain, to present-day Dulwich Hill where they built a large home, *Maybanke*.

In 1884 Edmund, after years of business failures and alcoholism, deserted his family. Maybanke, supported by her brother Norman, a prominent engineer, turned her home into a girls' school which developed a reputation for academic success. Following her divorce, finalised in 1893, she found renewed vigour in reformist activities.

Already a member of the Women's Literary Society, the Womanhood Suffrage League, the Australasian Home Reading Union, the International Women's Union and the Teachers' Association of NSW, Maybanke edited and published *Woman's Voice*, a fortnightly journal covering social issues such as suffrage, sex education and the often desperate conditions of working women, especially single mothers. Her close friends included Mary

Windeyer, Rose Scott, Louisa Lawson, Matilda Curnow and Lucinda Gullett. The last two were the wives of the editors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* respectively – newspapers which covered women's issues objectively in contrast to the *Bulletin* which lampooned



Maybanke Wolstenholme, later Maybanke Anderson.

them. The subject of female suffrage sometimes aroused strong feelings; one woman at a literary meeting referred to it as an 'abominable question' and chairs were broken during a debate in Newtown Town Hall, but indifference was the usual reaction. Maybanke saw the vote as a tool rather than a weapon and herself as a facilitator rather than a political figure 'for the simple reason that I think too much valuable time is wasted by politicians in personal quarrels'.

Aware that the children of many working mothers were roaming the streets or locked up in their houses, Maybanke established the Kindergarten Union whose goals were to educate children as well as mind them. While looking for premises she watched a girl being dragged about as part of 'a queer sort of game'. 'It's all right, Missis!' assured a boy looking on. 'They're gammonin' (pretending) she's drunk an' they're takin' 'er orf to the lock-up'. Sydney's first free kindergarten, in Charles Street Woolloomooloo, opened in 1896. Others

followed (Newtown, Miller's Point, Surry Hills, Wentworth Park, Chippendale, Rozelle and Pyrmont), all within walking distance from the homes of poor inner city residents. A training college for the teachers was established in Liverpool Street Darlinghurst. Maybanke was convinced that the foundation of society was its children, and that the child's foundation was its mother. In *Mother Lore* (1919) she wrote that the money spent on gaols and reformatories would be better spent educating mothers through the three Hs: Heart, Hand and Head. It was through her involvement with the Kindergarten Union that she met her second husband, whom she married in 1899.

Francis Anderson trained as a pupil-teacher and taught at Glasgow University before migrating to Melbourne in 1886. In 1890 he became Sydney University's first Challis Professor of logic and mental philosophy. Critical of the pupil-teacher system and the rigidity of curriculum and teaching methods, he adopted the slogan 'Train the Teacher, Trust the Teacher and Pay the Teacher' and helped develop what became known in NSW as the New Syllabus, under the direction of Peter Board. Both Francis and Maybanke were strong supporters of the Workers' Educational Association, active in Australia from 1913.

Following a trip to Europe in 1909, Maybanke founded the Playgrounds Association with the goal of setting up supervised centres in local parks where children could get fresh air and exercise. The Lance Playground in Miller's Point was the first to open, followed by others in Chippendale, Surry Hills, and Moore and Prince Alfred parks. Many were later run by the Children's Library and Crafts Movement (in the 1970s renamed the Creative Leisure Movement).

It was during the Andersons' third overseas trip in 1927 that Maybanke died, in Paris. The following year Francis married Josephine Wight. He was knighted in 1936 and died, childless, at Woollahra. Maybanke's first-born, Harry Wolstenholme, became a noted ornithologist.

- Lyn Collingwood

Max Solling at the State Library of NSW

Enjoy a discussion on the history of Sydney's inner suburbs. Hear about the development, people and architecture of Darlington, Paddington and the Hungry Mile with Joan Lawrence (*The Sydney good walks guide*); marvel at the background to the railways, wool stores and wharves of the Pyrmont peninsular with Hilary Golder (*Pyrmont and Ultimo: Under siege*); and enjoy a different perspective on Glebe, once a country retreat for affluent city families, with Max Solling (*Grandeur and Grit: A history of Glebe*).

Date: Tuesday 28 October

Time: 5.30 pm for 6 pm

Venue: Dixon Room, Mitchell Wing

Cost: \$15 (Friends of the State Library & Australian Ballet & students) \$20 (seniors), \$22.

Bookings are essential. Booking methods: telephone 9273 1770, facsimile 9273 1248, email bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au, online www.sl.nsw.gov.au/whatson/bookings.cfm

It's all in *Grandeur and Grit*

Current events often remind me of stories in Max Solling's book. Here are three recent examples.

Forest Lodge pharmacy

On page 149 of *Grandeur and Grit*, Max Solling mentions the services provided by the many pharmacists who served the Glebe and Forest Lodge communities.

Not only are these pharmacists long gone, but so are many of the pharmacy practices. The latest to disappear is the Ross Street Pharmacy. Grahame Hedges was the pharmacist there for 38 years, from 1970 until he retired early this year. I first met Grahame when I moved to Glebe in 1976. As well as running a very good pharmacy, he had a Commonwealth Bank agency. He looked after the finances of several elderly men who lived in the nearby boarding houses – the run-down mansions in Bridge Road. The boarding houses and the Common-

wealth Bank agency are long since closed. Who looks after lonely elderly people today? Do they live on the street?

Now Grahame's successor, John Conte, has had to move to Annandale. The owner of the Ross Street premises is selling the building.

Thankyou Grahame for being my pharmacist and friend for so many years.

General Practice

The General Practice at 216 Glebe Point Road, the 'Doctors' House', is mentioned on page 152 of Max's book. In recent years sitting in the waiting room there was like going to a Glebe Society meeting. That practice has gone too, and is now a part of the Broadway General Practice in the Broadway shopping Centre.

'Monetary Confusion'

Grandeur and Grit has relevance to current events far beyond Glebe. On page 57 we read 'But by the early 1840s the colony was entering a period of economic depression which brought a temporary halt to villa building in Sydney. The distress; or 'monetary confusion' resulted in schedules of bankruptcy being filed by the hundred between 1842 and 1849'.

The chairman of the Sydney Banking Company, George Miller, who commissioned the building of two Glebe retreats around 1837 – Forsyth Cottage and Avon House – gave evidence to a parliamentary committee on Monetary Confusion in 1843.

Surely 'Monetary Confusion' describes the world-wide situation in 2008.



Grahame Hedges (left) and John Conte. Photo: Edwina Doe



Letter to the Website

Wes Tough contacted us via the Glebe Society Website. He wondered if we would be interested in this story. . Thankyou Wes. We are interested.

Spy v Spy

The Sydney rock band *Spy v Spy* existed for over 10 years. It was formed in a squat in Glebe, at 72 Darling Street, in 1980 and was eventually thrown out in 1987. If it wasn't for the Darling Street house the band could not have existed because of paying rent.

They always mentioned Glebe and the squats in interviews and always had **GLEBE** spray painted on their road cases at live shows.

They demonstrated against the DMR's plan to have the western distributor pass through Darling Street. The band members had fixed their place up to a fit state (the houses were being left to rot) and kept it livable.

They were so furious with the DMR proposal that they wrote a song called '*Don't Tear it Down*' as a voice against the Government pulling down old buildings, pubs, warehouses and Victorian terraces and thus losing Sydney's heritage. This song made it into the charts and the album that the song was taken from made it to Number 11 in the Australian charts.

There was so much resident action against the plan that the DMR never went through with the expressway. Unfortunately a row of Victorian terraces opposite 72 Darling Street had been pulled down to make way for it. Public housing, located at around 59 Darling Street, replaced the terraces that were pulled down.

By the way, the band was managed by Gary Morris who also managed Midnight Oil.

- Wes Tough

Glebe Public School Sesquicentenary

Q. What do we have in common with Glebe Public School?

A. We all have all been to school and we all have memories of our schooldays.

This is why we can all help to celebrate Glebe Public School's 150th birthday. There are three events we can participate in: The Glebe Society is holding a **Trivia Night** on Wednesday 15 October, the School is holding an **Open Day** on Monday, 3 November which will be followed by a **Celebration** that evening.

The Glebe Society's Australian Trivia Night

This event on Wednesday 15 October supports Glebe Public School in its 150th year celebrations. Proceeds from the night will contribute towards the Glebe Society's gift of block-out blinds for the School Assembly Hall. These blinds will make it easier to use computers and audio-visual equipment effectively.

Time: 7.45 - 10pm

Date: Wednesday 15 October

Venue: Glebe Rowing Club,
Ferry Road

Cost: \$15 (\$12 concession).

See the enclosed flyer for booking details – RSVP by Thursday 9 October to help with catering and table organisation.

Please support this fund-raising event for Glebe Public School. Donations are welcome, even if you are unable to attend.

- Dorothy Davis

School Open Day, Monday 3 November 7.30am - 3pm

Visitors are most welcome to attend any of the daytime events but please ring the school office on 9660 4549 to let us know, so that we have the correct numbers for seating and catering.

7.30 - 9.00am, Breakfast at Centipede Before and After School Care Centre at Glebe Public School.

9.30 - 11.00am, Special Assembly in the School Hall

- A presentation by each class of a performance item based on the theme of 'Past, Present and Future'.
- Speeches by the Principal, Special Guests and Student Leaders.

- A special commemorative PowerPoint display to celebrate the school's collection of historic photos, memorabilia and oral histories.

- A school community acknowledgement of the partnerships and support of the wider community.

School photographs and memorabilia will be on display in the Hall.

There is a **Visitors Book** to sign.

Souvenir items - the 2009 Memorial Calendar featuring student artwork and historic photos - will be for sale, as well as other souvenir items.

Free Postcards featuring oral histories of past students and staff will be available.

11.00am - 12.00pm, Birthday Party Refreshments. Light refreshments for the whole school and visitors, including a special Birthday Cake.

12.00 noon, Lord Mayor's Launch of a new Public Art Installation, the School Fence.

12.30 - 1.00pm, Party Games, organised by Teachers. - games for children echoing the types of games children played in the past.

1.00 - 2.00pm, Tours of Classrooms by school community and visitors.

2.00 - 3.00pm, Viewing of the Art Show by school community and visitors.



Glebe Public School, class photo 1906. Photo by courtesy Glebe Public School archives

Evening Celebration in the School Hall

Monday 3 November
6.15pm - 8.30pm

This is a cooperative event organised by the Glebe Society to celebrate the close links the community and University of Sydney have with the school.

Bookings are necessary. Please see the enclosed flyer.

The evening's events combine the **Official Opening** of the **Glebe Public School Annual Art Show** with a **Celebration for Friends of Glebe Public School** who have a significant connection to the school or the Glebe community, either as past students, teachers or parents and local community members. Local artists and historians will also be invited to attend the event.

This evening event is designed for **adults only**, as wine and finger food will be served. The Commemorative PowerPoint display will also be screened, speakers will be invited to talk, and there will be a theatrical presentation.

A tour of the Admin Block will be conducted to view the main art exhibits. Memorabilia will be on display and souvenirs available for sale.

Please return the enclosed flyer to reserve your place. For more information contact:

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Katharine Vernon: Home; 9692 9583, email; kv@ancest.com.au.

- Jan Wilson

Glebe News

The 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival

Free Vaughan Williams concert on 9 November

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was born in the Cotswold village of Down Ampney and educated at Charterhouse School and Trinity College Cambridge. He became a pupil of Stanford and Parry at the Royal College of Music, and studied under Max Bruch in Berlin and Maurice Ravel in Paris. Further information can be found through the Ralph Vaughan Williams Society at www.rvwsociety.com

Richard Morrison of *The Times* states: "the general perception of Vaughan Williams has been transformed beyond recognition this year. Performers, audiences, and critics have realised that most of Vaughan Williams' finest pieces are nothing like the caricature 'cowpat' pastorales in which he was thought to have specialised. It has dawned on us that, in such trenchant, restless and violent pieces as the Fourth and Sixth Symphonies and the Second String Quartet, Vaughan Williams was articulating as anguished a response to the traumas of the 1930s and 1940s as Shostakovich or Bartok had done".

Vaughan Williams was described in John Bridcut's extraordinary TV documentary, aired on BBC Four



The Great Hall at Sydney University. Photo: Rod Holtham

recently, as England's greatest 20th Century composer. But it was his personal life, as much as his musical influence, which came as such a surprise. Whilst married, he pursued a not-so-private relationship with Ursula Wood, also married. Then, on the death of his beloved wife Adeline, he married Ursula when he was 80 years of age.

Whilst watching out for this timely documentary to appear on TV in Australia, find the time to come to the Great Hall at the University of Sydney on Sunday afternoon 9 November at 3pm for a free concert which will celebrate the music of Vaughan Williams.

This will be the second concert in this year's 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival which runs from 8 to 30 November. Further details can be found in the flyer enclosed with this *Bulletin* and at www.glebemusicfestival.com.

- David McIntosh

Wanted: a volunteer for *Glebe Time Capsule* project

Glebe is celebrating its Sesquicentenary next year and it will coincide with completion of Glebe Point Road upgrade. A committee representative for all the community groups is working with City of Sydney to manage the events. To celebrate its history the Coalition of Glebe Groups (CoGG) is aiming to form a small sub-committee to manage installation of a time capsule and with the community to decide what is to be included. The in-

tention is that the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, will bury the capsule at a suitable time and in an appropriate location.

Please contact me (email: janwil@bigpond.com, Home: 9660 2698, Mob: 0408 207 784) if you would like to be involved in this short and interesting Project. I am very happy to talk with you.

- Jan Wilson



Glebe radio station reaches new audiences

Radio for the Print Handicapped, 2RPH, has been broadcasting to Sydney listeners for over 25 years. Since May 2000 the studio has been in the St Helens Community Centre at 184 Glebe Point Road. You can hear the station on 1224 AM.

Volunteers at 2RPH read from the *Herald*, the *Telegraph*, *The Australian* and the *Financial Review*, seven days a week. Other 2RPH programs include readings from magazines and books. In early July, another newspaper was added to the reading list – the *Koori Mail*, 'the voice of Indigenous Australia'. The program is broadcast from 5.30 to 6pm each Thursday. The paper is published fortnightly, but there is more than enough material to fill two half-hour sessions.

Three Indigenous members of the staff at Glebe Primary School visited 2RPH recently, to discuss ways they can help with the program. They were Kathryn Farrowell, Wendy Buchanan and Glenda Weldon. Kathryn's brother Donald Dodd, who lives in Forest Lodge and has a wide interest in Aboriginal history, was there too.

2RPH is also expanding in other ways. From next month, it will be broadcasting to Newcastle, where it will include the *Newcastle Herald* in its programming. Wollongong will come next, some time next year.

- Edwina Doe

Help please

Glebe Public School is still in need of support for the end of year camp. To date, the school has had a good response from Glebe Society members, however is still a little short. So please if anyone is able to help do contact the school on 9660 4549.

- Jan Wilson

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe. We visit a different restaurant each month, varying cuisines. Put these dates in your diary now.

We will share Thai and Malaysian dishes at Thai Thiu, 35d Ross Street, on **Thursday 2 October**.

On **Thursday 6 November** we will go to Flavour of India, on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road.

And on **Thursday 4 December** we will meet at Café Otto, 79 Glebe Point Road.

The numbers coming to these dinners are growing, so please email me or ring me on 9660 7066 by the Tuesday before the dinner to let us know that you are coming. We don't want to take the restaurant management by surprise.

- Edwina Doe

Welcome to New Members

The following people were accepted as members of the Glebe Society at the September Management Committee meeting:

- * Kate Barton
- * Christina Gray
- * John Jacob

We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

An offer you can't refuse ...

French-polished mahogany double bed head and foot, 1920s. Free to a good home, but it must be taken away. Ring 9660 0208.

Answers to last month's Trivia Quiz

Q1: What are the numbers of the bus routes that go through Glebe?

A1: 370, 431, 432, 433, 434, 449, 470, plus Broadway/Parramatta Road services: 412, 413, 422, 423, L23, 440, 435, L40, 436, 437, 438, 440, 461, 480, 483.

Q2: What is the botanical name for the 'Glebe weed'?

A2: *celtis australis*, also known as the European nettle tree, European Hackberry or Lote tree.

Q3: Which current NSW politician spent part of his childhood in a house in Derwent Street?

A3: Morris Iemma (shows how quickly a trivia question can get out of date!)

Q4: Where were the two Glebe ferry wharves located in the 1880s to early 1900s?

A4: Ferry Road and Glebe Point Road.

Newtown Flicks 2009 launch

Lyn Collingwood is an organiser of the annual Newtown Flicks short film festival. Plans for 2009 will be announced at the Union Hotel, 576 King Street Newtown, 7.30 pm Tuesday 30 September. Everyone who enjoys watching or making movies is welcome.

State Library events

Would you like to receive a monthly newsletter about State Library events by email?

To be on the e-list email media@sl.nsw.gov.au with 'e-newsletter subscribe' in the subject line.

Robin Lawrence Paintings

The Glebe Art Show Committee's Robin Lawrence has an exhibition of her studio paintings at Depot Gallery, 2 Danks Street Waterloo. It is open 11am – 5pm Tuesday to Saturday, until Friday 3 October.

Bulletins by email

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

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For your diary ...

Thursday 2 October, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Thai Thiu*, 35d Ross Street.

Wednesday 8 October, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Wednesday 15 October, Australian Trivia Night, Glebe Rowing Club, 7.45 - 10pm. See page 8 and flyer.

Tuesday 28 October, 5.30 pm for 6 pm - **Max Solling** in discussion - Dixson Room, Mitchell Wing, State Library. See p7.

Monday 3 November, 7.30am - 3pm - Glebe Public School Open Day. See page 8.

Monday 3 November, 6.15 - 8.30pm - Glebe Public School Celebration Evening - School Assembly Hall, Derwent Street, Glebe. See page 8 and flyer.

Thursday 6 November, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday - *Flavour of India*, corner of Glebe Point Road and Bridge Road.

Saturday 8 November, 3pm - U3A establishment meeting, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. See page 5.

8 - 30 November - 19th Annual Glebe Music Festival. See brochure.

Sunday 9 November, 3pm - free Ralph Vaughan Williams concert, Great Hall, Sydney University. See page 8.

Wednesday 12 November, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Sunday 16 November, Glebe Street Fair.

Thursday 4 December, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday - *Café Otto*, 79 Glebe Point Road.

Wednesday 10 December, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

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

Download a Membership Form from our website (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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