



## Orphan School Creek gully

# Led up a zig-zag path?

*Local resident Michela Noonan recounts the campaign for the Gully.*

My partner Chris Blair and I are relatively new residents to Forest Lodge. When we moved in it seemed extraordinary that we lived so close to such a beautiful and natural gully. The Orphan School Creek gully, at the end of Hereford Street, Forest Lodge, had become a habitat for native animals mainly through neglect. Owned by the old Children's Hospital, but on the other side of the gully, it had become overgrown - the perfect habitat for rainbow lorikeets, blue wrens, two varieties of possums, butterflies, frogs and even migratory cuckoos from Papua New Guinea.

When I walked along the creek bed for the first time, surrounded by dense plantings and tall trees, it was not just a shady bush, it felt like being transported to another world. Yet here we are just 3km from the city.

We heard about the development plan and although upset to think we would lose trees, I understood that the land had to be remediated. I looked forward to exotic species being replaced with a native bushland habitat. The DA promised us a forest on the embankment. The DA approved the wildlife

habitat option. This DA was approved in August 2007 by a unanimous vote of council. It had been widely supported by the community and was the culmination of 10 years of fighting to ensure the land was returned to the community. It was a deal for the increased allowance of floor-space ratio in the City Quarter development of the Hospital. The Council will be the owner on our behalf.

Over the last year we have witnessed the de-



Andrea Robertson demonstrating at the Gully. Photo: Michela Noonan

struction of the trees and the painfully slow process of remediation of the land. We now look over a vacant lot but we knew this would lead to something wonderful. Then came 31 October 2008. Some residents received plans in their letterboxes from the developer, Frasers. These plans were shocking. They showed massive changes and yet we had never been notified by Council.

Instead of our long awaited forest, the development we had been consulted on, our embankment was covered by a path zig-zagging back on itself desperately trying to comply with the gradient. If you know the area you will know that the em-

bankment is very steep. Council hadn't done their homework when they approved their plans and what had been a single crescent shaped path on the DA had become a very, very long switchback concrete path. The forest on the embankment has been replaced by a path surrounded by grasses and mid level plantings. It totally fragments the ecosystem we had been promised.

So, residents immediately contacted Council with our concerns. In November 2008, Council resolved that the matter be investigated, but we never heard back. Instead, in early March 2009 we were horrified to see the path being dug into the embankment. This is truly incredible. This is a development for the community and yet the Council has never consulted with us or shown us plans of this massive change.

At the last Council meeting, March 16 2009, a notice of motion was put to remove the path. The Council meeting was incredibly

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*Our President Lesley Lynch writes: 'The Glebe Society has been involved in planning for this site since the 1970s and is fully with the residents in their current stand...' Her article on page 2 'From the President' explains the Society's position.*

### What's coming soon?

**An Evening with Peter Corris** Sunday 29 March, 6-8.30pm. See page 11.

**Glebe Point Road 'Open for business'** Saturday 4 April. See page 5.

**Talk at Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator** Sunday 5 April, 3pm. See page 11.

**Launch of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication** Friday 17 April, 6.30pm at *Benledi*, 186 Glebe Point Road. See page 11.

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well attended - standing room only - full of residents with banners protesting the zig-zag path. A petition with 370 names requesting the removal of the path was tabled. Six people spoke against the path. There was an invitation for anybody with an opposing view to speak. Nobody took that opportunity.

Deputy Lord Mayor Marcelle Hoff and Councillors Chris Harris, the Hon Meredith Burgmann, Irene Doutney, and Shayne Mallard voted to remove the path but the other five Independents voted the resolution down, with the Lord Mayor Clover Moore using her casting vote to determine the issue.

Many of us in the community feel very disillusioned by this. These Councillors have tried to tell us that the change isn't very different, but this just seems nonsensical considering the passion and ire it has raised. They have tried to tell us they have to weigh up the 'fors' and 'against's'. This rings hollow given the public outcry and the lack of support for the path. They have tried to tell us the paths in the area must be accessible. We agree. In a choice of an embankment with no path versus the zig-zag path, we want no path at all. There are other paths that are easily accessible including the beautiful creek path that, if this plan goes ahead, may never have shade again.

This is a project that goes to the very heart of sustainable Sydney. We are surrounded by lovely parks but this is something different - a project that will benefit generations and generations to come. It could become a wonderful and rare resource - a bushland habitat that can act as a haven for small animals and an example of best practice in drought resistant native plantings. It could be a source of wonder for children and adults alike - and all of this on the outskirts of the city. But, the zig-zag path is totally incompatible with this. Therefore, we in the community are resolved to keep fighting what is clearly a mistake of process. We believe that Council will see our community's passion and commitment for this project and deliver all of us what was always promised, a bushland habitat for all to enjoy.

- Michela Noonan

## From the President

# New initiatives planned

This is a big year for the Glebe Society. As Glebe celebrates 150 years of local government the Glebe Society proudly celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday as a residents' action group. There will be many celebratory events and one of these will be the launch on 17

April of a brief history *Celebrating Conservation and Change in Glebe: 40 years of the Glebe Society*, written and produced by four members. This booklet charts the evolution of the Glebe Society and its expanding roles since 1969. While it is a grand history of activism, the evolution does not stop.

For example, at its last meeting the Management Committee established a Community Development Subcommittee to be convened by Robyn Kemmis. It seems certain that we are in for tough times as a result of the global financial crisis and this is one way the Glebe Society can respond to changing pressures and priorities. The intention is to bring a stronger focus to the social action dimension of our role as a residents' action group. Glebe is a gloriously diverse place and we need regularly to renew our efforts to extend our networks and engagement across all parts of Glebe.

The priorities of this new Subcommittee will be shaped by emerging issues and interests, but are likely to include greater work with our schools, participation in developments around affordable housing, increased involvement within other groups active in the Glebe Estate and generally helping to improve support services and facilities within the community.

Robyn will welcome ideas and offers to participate in the work of this subcommittee. Hopefully she will be swamped by interested volunteers.

## The Gully controversy

On a more traditional front for Glebe Society activism, several members attended the overflowing City of Sydney Council meeting on 16 March for the debate on a motion asking Council to remove the proposed switchback path from the Orphan School Creek/Wood Street native bushland habitat site in Forest Lodge.



Lesley Lynch.

Photo: Bruce Davis

The eruption of this dispute between residents and the City of Sydney Council is particularly distressing because just a short while ago it was a much celebrated project. After years of negotiations, initially with the Leichhardt Council and then with the City of Sydney, we had a widely supported plan to create an exciting native habitat/bushland reserve on the site. But somehow, in recent months, things have gone awry.

Late in 2008 residents became aware of the detail of the landscaping plans and were shocked to discover new elements - most contentiously the 134 metre switchback path zigzagging through the Wood St section - which would undermine the viability of the native bushland habitat concept. Residents raised their strong concerns with Council. More meetings were held and in early March 2009, the Lord Mayor distributed a letter to residents agreeing to five out of six requested landscape changes. (*Update on Orphan Creek Reserve-Wood Street Landscaping* [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Development).) However, the zig-zag path, while narrowed, was to stay, and this was the core issue behind the passion and divisions at the Council meeting.

The reasons given by the Councillors opposing the motion included: legal constraints (the path is a condition of an approved DA and cannot now be

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Creek bed with shade. Photo: Roberta Johnston

## An update on the Foley Park upgrade

Nicole Haines, Council's Project Manager for Foley Park, has advised us that the reason the project has been split into two stages is:

- 1) because of budget considerations,
- 2) because it was felt that people might welcome a reprieve from the amount of construction work in Glebe at the moment, and
- 3) in order, as far as possible, to complete the works by August 2009, in time for the Glebe Sesquicentenary celebrations.

The works involved are:

### STAGE 1

- leveling of the Village Green;
- all major planting (trees, small and large shrubs and ground covers);
- children's play area;
- entry works on Pymont Bridge Road;
- pathways and grassed areas, and new furniture;
- public art work for the Wireless House; and
- all in-ground services (in preparation for Stage 2 works).

### STAGE 2 – now proposed for 2011

- Completion of Glebe Point Road

- frontage with entry stairs etc;
- *Hereford House* verandah and associated areas;
- lighting\* and toilet facilities; and
- finally, the minor plantings associated with the Stage 2 works, eg planting around Glebe Point Road frontage.

Of the \$2.7 million originally allocated by Council for the total upgrade, the contract value for Stage 1 will account for some \$1million (the installation of lights would add another \$200,000 to this budget), with the remainder financing the Stage 2 works. Most of the work on the War Memorial, which has a separate budget, will be complete this year, apart from the terraced changes to the west of the memorial which constitute the improvements to the Glebe Point Road frontage of the park. The Wireless House artwork, also a separate budget, will all be completed to align with the Stage 1 works.

- **Bobbie Burke and David Mander Jones**

\* The conduiting will be installed as part of Stage 1 and, based on a request by COGG and the Glebe Society, Council is investigating if the lighting can also be installed as part of Stage 1.

conditions. Not surprisingly, residents are angry and puzzled at a consultation process which failed to give them critical information. If it was, as it seems, a flawed process, the price should not be the permanent loss or significant compromising of the original plan.

While appreciating the difficulties the Council will have in varying an approved DA, it is to be hoped that the conflict and division of the last council meeting are not the end of the formal process. Certainly residents and the Glebe Society will continue to push for Council to revisit the issue. Perhaps those councillors who voted against the motion will reconsider their position having seen at the Council meeting the unanimity of residential opposition to the path, their frustration and determination to retrieve the original habitat proposal.

The Glebe society has written to the Lord Mayor in these terms and will continue to explore options for a more satisfactory and less divisive outcome.

- **Lesley Lynch**

## Info night for members new and old



Anne Fraser explains 'speed dating'.  
Photo: Bruce Davis

There's nothing scary or dangerous about Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. The Glebe Society proved this at its welcome to new and recently joined members at the Glebe Rowing Club.

With influences of beauty pageants, speed dating, motivational messages and team building, the evening was an informal and buzzy affair.

Members and potential members found their designated groups and moved together through the nine stations manned by sub-committee convenors to find out what the Society is doing at the moment, and hopefully volunteering to get involved. Great food and wine, combined with slick organization, meant that members also had a good opportunity to meet and chat.

Catherine Vernon and Phil Young were honoured on the night for their lengthy involvement in and support of the Society.

The winner of an everlasting prize for the most 'dates' was Edwina Doe, *Bulletin* Editor.

- **Carole Herriman**

### Thank you Harris Farm

Our Members Info Night was supported by Harris Farm which gave a \$50 voucher to assist us with our catering. They support local schools, amongst many other causes, and gave us the donation in recognition of the work we have done for Glebe Primary School.

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changed); the very lengthy consultation with residents over recent years; the improved landscaping changes announced in the Lord Mayor's letter; the cost and delay involved in any formal process to vary the DA and a belief that the current landscaping plans, including the narrower path, are not inconsistent with the native bushland habitat concept. Since the meeting the Lord Mayor has distributed a further letter confirming Council's intention to move ahead quickly to complete the project and again detailing what will be achieved. (*Update on Orphan School Creek following the Council Meeting.*)

The Glebe Society has been involved in planning for this site since the 1970s and is fully with the residents in their current stand. It is hard to see how the switchback path is compatible with the original agreed concept of a native bushland habitat reserve. Residents (and a number of the councillors) have demonstrated that they did not have any knowledge of the current path when they endorsed the DA consent

# Two new Plaques in Glebe

## Edmund Barton's birthplace recognised

This year celebrates the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth, in Glebe, of Australia's first Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton.

To mark this event and as one of the elements of Glebe's Sesquicentenary Celebrations, the City of Sydney commissioned a plaque which was unveiled at a ceremony on Saturday 21 March.

The unveiling of the Barton plaque was the culmination of a Glebe Society campaign that began almost a decade ago.

The event was held on the lawn between the Footbridge Theatre and the Edgeworth Building at Sydney University. On a bright, sunny autumn day, a crowd gathered: University dignitaries, including the Chancellor Marie Bashir and several Fellows of the Senate, Professor Richard Waterhouse (Bicentennial Professor of Australian History at Sydney University), the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, and City of Sydney executives, a group of Barton descendants and many representatives of the local community as well as your excited correspondent.

In her speech, the Lord Mayor noted that the plaque addressed the fact that to date there had been no street, park or public place in Glebe which ac-



From left: Eva Rodriguez Riestra; Liz Simpson-Booker. and Clover Moore. Photo: Tony Larkum

knowledged that our first Prime Minister was born here.

Professor Richard Waterhouse noted that as our first Prime Minister, Barton has been perceived as something of an establishment figure. But Federation was never a foregone conclusion and Barton's belief in the 'necessity of Australia's federation - to ensure our security, to guarantee future prosperity and advance democracy - [was such] that he risked his political career and his own financial security to campaign for Federation'.

The stunning bronze plaque, which was unveiled by the Lord Mayor, will be installed on one of the pillars of the palisade fence on the Arundel Street side of the footbridge over Parramatta Road. Its placement symbolises Barton's connection to Glebe and

to the University of Sydney, where he studied Classics and was a Fellow of the Senate for many years.

One of those attending the event noted in conversation that despite a general disinclination to emulate all things American, it is salutary to reflect on the fact that the birthplace of George Washington, America's first President, is a National Monument and the hallowed ground of Pope's Creek Estate in Virginia, is well and truly trod by pilgrims. While Australia is more relaxed about, and perhaps more careless of, its history, it is a considerable satisfaction that community action has brought about the rectification of this omission.

We urge you to look out for the plaque when next you stroll in Arundel Street.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

### Can you help?

The Glebe Society would like to put together a package of materials for schools (primary and secondary) in the area to let them know about the Barton plaque and to provide some appropriate background materials on our first Prime Minister. We would welcome assistance of a member, probably with a teaching background, to develop the package. If you can assist, please email Lesley at [llynch@bigpond.net.au](mailto:llynch@bigpond.net.au).

### The Glebe Society thanks you ...

A big thank you to the many, too numerous to mention, who supported the Barton plaque project. However, it would be remiss not to mention the special contributions of Eva Rodriguez Riestra, Public Art Program Manager for the City of Sydney and her team, the Glebe Society's Immediate Past President Jan Macindoe and current President Lesley Lynch for bringing the project to fruition.

And most of all, congratulations to Liz Simpson-Booker, who for the past 10 years has been campaigning for a plaque to celebrate Sir Edmund Barton's birth in Glebe

## Plaque unveiled at Wentworth Park

On Thursday 19 March the beautifully restored Heritage Tower at Wentworth Park Sporting Complex was officially opened by the Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, and the Minister for Gaming and Racing, Kevin Greene, who unveiled a commemorative plaque. Many members of the Glebe Society joined a large crowd at the official opening.

Members of the Society will have seen the dramatic changes that have occurred at the entrance to the Sporting Complex on Wentworth Park Road. For so long this complex was hidden behind an ugly wall. Now,

due to the upgrading of the concourse and the tower restoration, this wall has gone and local people can see and gain access to the grounds behind, making this part of Glebe so much more friendly. Currently the Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association are the principle user of the complex, after the National Coursing Association gave up running meetings here in August 2008. However, it may come as a surprise to most of us just how many sporting clubs now use this complex for a variety of purposes.

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# Planning Matters

## Meeting with Paddington Society

On 26 February the President, Robyn Kemmis and myself met at Juniper Hall with Robyn Attuell (President), Linda Gosling, Bill Morrison and John Mant of the Paddington Society to discuss a possible joint approach to the City regarding the proposed City-Plan, due to be exhibited later this year. Only about 25% of Paddington is within the City, the remainder being covered by Woollahra Council. The Paddington Society people were extremely hospitable and the discussion ranged widely. Our President gave them a copy of *Grandeur and Grit* as a token of our appreciation and goodwill.

It will not surprise you to learn that while there are areas of common interest there are also significant differences. As well as being divided between two councils, Paddington is wealthier and more homogenous in

both its population and housing stock. One result is a lot more development proposals and a lot more objections. Hence they are keen to have the whole of Paddington covered by the same controls.

Our concern is that the proposed City-Plan meets the objectives of the Society and the City and protects the character of all the Conservation Areas, especially our own. However, we agreed that to be successful the new Plan had to be accurate in its descriptors and clear in the processes by which it is applied, and therefore that further community consultation was necessary. Hence we are writing to the City with that end in view, and we hope the Paddington Society will lend their considerable weight to our request.

## Orphan School Creek

Members will recall the Society has always supported the creation of a natural habitat for the Orphan School Creek corridor using bushland regen-

eration. This has become possible given the acquisition by the City of substantial areas previously belonging to the Children's Hospital. However there have been problems with the implementation of this plan and in response to residents' requests the Society is supporting retention of the original concept and further community consultation if necessary.

(See also pages 1 and 2.)

## Result of appeal, 61-3 Hereford Street

On 3 March the Land and Environment Court gave consent to the reduced proposal for this controversial site. While there has been some gain for the residents, the Society is concerned that the level of protection for the green corridor along Minogue Crescent and the large fig tree on the site is insufficient.

- Neil Macindoe

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The restoration of the Heritage Tower may have gone on largely unnoticed before our very eyes. The purpose of this tower was for greyhound racing which began in the Park in 1932; the tower was finished in 1939 and was used to control the speed of the lure, the bunny in front of the dogs, and for signalling race results. As time went on, however, these functions moved to other sites and the tower became disused, boarded up and neglected behind the perimeter wall.

Now the tower has been restored to its original condition and exposed for all to view, at the cost of \$1.5 million a cost borne totally by the Wentworth Park Trust. For this significant move towards restoring a feeling of ownership of this Complex, we all owe a great debt of thanks to Susan Cleary, the Chair, and to the rest of the Wentworth Park Trust. It was they, and their Chief executive, Peter Mann,



Left to right: The Hon. Tony Kelly Minister for Lands; Jack Bell, Grand Patron of the National Coursing Association; The Hon. Kevin Greene, Minister for Gaming and Racing; Professor Percy Allan Chairman Greyhound Racing NSW. Photo: Craig Youll.

who set in motion the planning for these renovations in 2005, which were carried out under the expert supervision of the designer, Richard Dinham.

- Tony Larkum

## Celebrate Glebe Point Road

Join the City of Sydney on Saturday 4 April from 11am-1pm to celebrate that Glebe Point Road is 'back in business'.

The Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, will walk down Glebe Point Road from St Johns Road, with a stop off at Glebe Markets, where the lucky winner of the Shop & Win a Vespa promotion will be drawn.

Free coffee vouchers will be handed out with 15 cafes participating, and there will be colourful 'Victorian' street performers and two roving bands.

This also is the day to receive a Glebe bag and badge.

For more details about the day's celebrations go to [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson) or call 9265 9333 and for details about the Shop & Win a Vespa promotion go to [www.glebe.com.au](http://www.glebe.com.au).

- Glebe Chamber of Commerce

# Some more views from the waterfront

*Anton Crouch, long time Society member and former chair of CoGG, adds his memories to John Buckingham's article, published in Bulletin 10/2008.*

In his **Forty Years on the Waterfront**, John Buckingham (*Glebe Society Bulletin 10/2008*) writes of the 'intrigue, conspiracy, murder and mayhem conducted along the way to our gaining this wonderful park'. How true. As a follow-up to John's 'big picture', I'd like to offer a few glimpses of particular events which were part of the long campaign.

## St James

People walking along Woolley Street will notice the small park opposite St James Church and Primary School. This park was established by a group of residents, led by Alan Robertson, as a 'test case' - a test case and a gamble. In the early 1970s the site was derelict and owned by Leichhardt Council, probably having been acquired due to non-payment of rates. The gamble was that the council would not undo any beautification of the site and sell it for development. Alan organised a small party of would-be gardeners (I provided the wheel barrow) and over two or three weekends the site was cleaned-up and trees and shrubs were planted. The council blinked and we now have St James Park listed in our street directories. St James Park is a long way from the waterfront but what happened there set the scene for resident action for many years.

## Bicentennial Park, Stage 1

Whenever I look at the plaque recording the opening of Bicentennial Park, Stage 1 an urge to laugh comes over me. Those names! Some supported the venture, some opposed it, some had nothing to do with it and others had design ideas which, if adopted, would have all-but ruined the park. For example:

**Federal Road.** A plan to retain Federal Road and the bridge over Johnstons Creek as a traffic thoroughfare was proposed.

**Fed Art** (the buildings shown in the photographs in John Buckingham's article). There was strong support for the retention of these buildings as an

'artists' colony'. When it came to a vote in council, the motion to evict the squatters was carried by a margin of one. This occurred quite late in 1988 and is the reason the land surface is so barren in that part of the park. In order to get the Federal Government's Bicentennial Grant of 50% of the cost, it was necessary for the park to be substantially complete by the end of the year. To accomplish this the buildings were demolished in an afternoon and all the rubble buried on site, with just a veneer of soil covering.

**Lavatories.** It was proposed that a toilet block be built in the new park. When it was pointed out that such facilities already existed (near the oval) the proposer could only reply that 'we need somewhere for the kiddies to go'.

**Trees.** Incredible as it seems now, some councillors opposed the planting of a line of trees adjacent to the foreshore path. The reason given was that they would obscure the view of the industrial area on the northern side of Rozelle Bay. It was pointed-out that the councillors were looking at a plan view of the design and that the trees would grow - ie, the view would still exist from under the canopies.

## 501 Glebe Point Road

The story of this site (known affectionately as 'The Fink site') could only be told by a Tolstoy. All I can do is offer snippets.

**National Plywood.** There is a small error in John Buckingham's description of the activities of the forklifts in Glebe Point Road in the late 1960s to early 1970s. The company's factory was in Federal Road and the trucks brought the timber to the factory, not to the Glebe Point Road buildings. The forklifts took the manufactured plywood up Glebe Point Road from Federal Road. This might seem like a trivial point but it had a major effect on the noise levels.

**Boardwalk.** Nothing came closer to scuttling the vision of a waterfront park than the proposal for an over-water boardwalk along the 'long shed' of the site. Preservation of the 'long shed' with privately owned, absolute water frontage was the aim of a dispa-

rate coalition of developers, tenants and coffee shop tragics and I don't think anybody would now say that the idea was a good one. Boules anyone? The proposal never got past first base for a host of reasons - eg, the uncertainty of a lease arrangement, cost of upkeep and the absence of public ownership of the waterfront. One of the more interesting moments of the campaign for the boardwalk was a public meeting called to discuss the issue. It was held in Pope Paul reserve and many were mystified by the large number of people present who were not known to the locals. It seems that the 'rent a crowd' phenomenon was manifest. A highlight of the meeting was when a local asked a speaker, who was arguing strongly for the boardwalk, where he lived. The answer was 'mind you own f...ing business'.

## The Anchorage

I can add a bit to John's account of the story of this site. The original *Anchorage* house had its entrance in Mary Street and part of the Glebe Point Road frontage included two (or was it three?) Victorian two-storey terraces. The tall paling fence, which was put up during demolition, mysteriously collapsed one night and for a short time passers-by had a nice view of the bay. When a new, much stronger, fence was put up somebody painted a large sign on it - **'GIVE US BACK OUR VIEW'**. Rumour had it that the person who was responsible was also the author of another sign, in the Estate area - 'Australians are sheep'. We had a better class of graffiti in those days!

I think that the matter of the acquisition of the lower level was complicated by the fact that the title included a public open space reservation along a narrow strip at the waterfront. What influence, if any, this had on the negotiations I don't know. I do know that, before Glebe became part of the City of Sydney, we were led to believe that the acquisition of the *Anchorage* land had been finalised by Leichhardt Council. It came as a shock to find that that was not the case.

- Anton Crouch

# Celebrating 40 years in 2009

*The sixth in a series of articles by people who have played a part in the success of the Glebe Society, or who have observed it from the outside, is written by Ted McKeown, who was President from 1991 to 1993.*

## The art of compromise

I was drafted into the presidency of the Society on 16 October 1991. Andrew Wood had finished his term at the AGM on 21 July, so the Society had been 'headless' for about three months. I had always taken the view that, all things being equal, the President should not be a solicitor, architect, developer or any other professional practising in the area, since there was an obvious potential for conflicts of interest to arise. Looking back, I suspect that my underlying motive for this rather pompous position was that I was really trying to avoid the work and commitment that went with the presidency, but who can tell? At any rate, with Alison's full support (and I could not have done it without her), I was prevailed upon to step into the breach.

And for the record, I can't recall any conflict of interest arising during my term of office.

I had also thought, comfortingly if rather naively, that there was very little likelihood of major problems arising at that stage of the Glebe Society's history. After all, the major battles had been fought, and to a large extent won, over the previous 22 years. Indeed, there was some concern that the Society's days might be numbered because there were no more worlds to conquer.

Things started quietly enough in 1991. There were ongoing campaigns opposing the proposed third runway at Kingsford Smith Airport (tirelessly led by Alison) and supporting the introduction of light rail on the old goods line to Dulwich Hill. Work was well under way on the restoration of the Diggers' Memorial, reflecting the huge effort put in by, in particular, Bill Nelson, Max Solling and Hugh Scott. Mavis McCarthy drafted a 'Statement for the Future' encapsulating our aims and policies, and street tree planting was being ably planned and coordi-

nated with Leichhardt Council by Bobbie Burke and Fiona Campbell. Neil Macindoe was supporting the Society in every possible way in his capacity as an alderman on Leichhardt Council (this was in the days before that famous film *Rats in the Ranks!*).

In a sense, I had been right in my forecast that there were no issues in 1991 of a similar nature to those that had faced the Society on its formation in 1969 - issues like the destruction of the amenity of the suburb by the erection of hideous three-storey walk-ups in place of Victorian houses, or the wholesale destruction of Glebe by the then proposed radial freeways.

But, somehow, it was easier to deal with these black and white issues than



Ted McKeown in 2009. Photo: Bruce Davis

it was to deal with some of the more ambivalent issues that were beginning to arise as we headed into 1992 and 1993. It was relatively easy to stand (or at any rate decide to stand) in front of bulldozers at Fig Street and to support the Builders Labourers Federation in its Green Bans. Indeed, it was 'easy' to oppose a planning policy that was as clearly wrong for Sydney as

the expansion of Kingsford Smith Airport. It was 'easy' to advocate the filtering of emissions from the road tunnels that were then coming into vogue. It was 'easy' to oppose the engineer-driven replacement of the Glebe Island Bridge by the monumental (and entirely unjustified in scale) Anzac Bridge. But it was not so easy to decide how the Society should react to proposals where it was possible to hold strong views on either side of the argument, and there was no clear 'right' answer.

The first of these to emerge was the controversy over the Glebe Markets in the grounds of Glebe Public School, which by March 1992 were operating on a substantial scale on both Saturdays and Sundays and, as far as local residents were concerned, were out of control. As the Glebe Society Bulletin said in its April 1993 edition:

*At the heart of the matter, it needs to be made clear that many residents are very supportive of the school, and so on this basis they support the idea of a market, as it brings revenue - \$1,300 a week - to the school. For many people, the issue centres on their size and operation.*

In the end, the Society supported the local residents in their successful push to rein in the market's opening times to Saturdays only, although this was staunchly opposed at the time by the commercial operators of the market and some members of the school community. And amazingly enough, the sky didn't fall, and the Society remains an active supporter of Glebe Public School.

Another emerging issue at the time was the proliferation of backpackers' hostels in Glebe - some well run, others not so well run. Backpackers bring business and vitality to Glebe, but living next door to a hostel may

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not necessarily be a great experience. There was no clear-cut solution to this problem, but a lot of work was put into ensuring that hostels did not open in inappropriate sites and in educating them in the art of becoming better neighbours.

So *compromise* became (and remains) the 'in' word for dealing with problem issues. Of course, compromise only works if both parties are working in good faith. We were well and truly conned by Harold Park when we agreed to their extension of the race track on the condition that they promised to include a hard-surface hockey pitch for Glebe Hockey Club in the middle of the track – a promise that they famously reneged on. Fortunately, this kind of bloody mindedness is the exception rather than the rule.

To my mind, the most spectacular example of a successful compromise was the recycling of *Benledi* (the former Glebe Homoeopathic Hospital) as the centrepiece of the new Glebe Library, notwithstanding an earlier proposal to use the building as a transitional centre for women prisoners approaching the end of their terms. Looking back, the outcome seems inevitable, but reconciling the differing community points of view at the time was never an easy task.

If I were to guess, I would say that compromise will be the way of the future. But we should be ever vigilant, and prepared to man the barricades again if the need should arise as the Society enters its fifth decade. Future Presidents may have more excitement than I did!

- Ted McKeown



## Glebe Brothers in Arms – 'The Tragedy of War'

It was just three days before Christmas in 1914 when William Curtis sailed from Australia on the Troop Ship *Thermistocles* to answer the call to fight in the 'great war' for Mother England. His ship took him to Egypt where he would wait to be later taken to the Dardanelles. As a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion he joined the invasion of Turkey at a place called Gallipoli which would prove to be an expensive place in terms of Australian lives.

William was a small man standing just 160cm tall and weighing barely 60 kilograms. He was a labourer before joining the AIF and lived with his brother Frederick and sister Maud at number 43 Greek Street in Glebe. Frederick Curtis was eight years younger than his brother and enlisted about six months later and after only a few weeks of training departed on the Troop Ship *Ceramic* on 25 June 1915. Frederick had been a horse and dray driver in the local area and like his older brother was a small man, standing only 156cm tall. He was posted to the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion which was also destined for the Turkish peninsula where he would fight in the trenches like his brother. But they would never see one another again. Frederick was shot through the head by a sniper on 26 August 1915 and died before reaching his nineteenth birthday. His brother William had been shot barely two weeks earlier and after lying in a trench for two days he was found and transferred to the First Field Hospital, where he also died.

The records show that Frederick was shot at Hill 60, Suvla Bay and died on the ship *Nevaska*. He was buried at Lemnos in Greece. William was shot at Lone Pine. It is not clear where William was buried. Both brothers' names appear on the Glebe War Me-



A wide range of people attended the 2008 Glebe Anzac Day service - even backpackers. Photo Bruce Davis

memorial as Killed in Action. Correspondence at the National Archives shows that the parents were still seeking clarity on the circumstances of their two sons' deaths some three years after the end of the war.

*Lest We Forget.*

- Rod Holtham

### 2009 Anzac Day Service

The 2009 Glebe Anzac Day service will be held at the Diggers' Memorial, Foley Park, on

**Saturday 25 April, 7.30am**

The service will be conducted by the Reverend Julie Brackenreg and will be followed by morning tea in St John's Church.

*All welcome!*



# Who lived in your street?

## Rudolph Hermann Bohrsmann (1871 – 1925)

by Lyn Collingwood

For most of his working life Dr Bohrsmann was a medical practitioner at 36 Glebe Road adjacent to Derby Place. In 1898 when he took over the practice from Irish-born William Augustus West – who moved down the road to number 20 – his neighbours were sailmaker John Penberthy at number 34, and, to the rear, the newly built boys' department of Glebe Superior Public School. Across Derby Place was the Glebe Wesleyan Church fronting Glebe Road, and the school's girls' and infants' departments fronting Derwent Street. Dr Bohrsmann took a keen interest in the school and charged nothing for treating its pupils' cuts and grazes.

Rudolph was born on 6 August 1871. He was educated at Sydney Grammar where he was a class captain, did well in French and excelled in Greek studies, playing one of the chorus of satyrs in Euripides' *Cyclops*. He was also an accomplished musician. After graduating in Medicine from the University of Sydney in 1894, he lived at 82 Glebe Road and shared rooms at 139 Elizabeth Street in the city with his older brother Otto, an 1893 medical graduate of the University of Aberdeen.

In 1897 he married Patience Love Cary. They lived with their growing family at the surgery until about 1907 when they moved into *Arden*, 2 Forsyth Street, a mansion purchased from wool merchant Eugene Carattee. Their children Rudolph, Patience, Olga, Christian and Cedric - all with a second name 'Cary' - were born in 1899, 1902, 1906, 1907 and 1911 respectively. Cedric became a pharmacist. Patience married Roy Braden Vass, born in Glebe, in 1924 and Olga married Archibald Boyle in 1932. As the eldest, Rudolph was enrolled in Medicine at the University of Sydney, a course he disliked. On the death of his father he discontinued to take up a post arranged by his uncle Gus who was personal physician to theatrical entrepreneur Sir Benjamin Fuller.

Rudolph became Australian representative for the Sadler's Wells Opera Company and managing director for touring companies on the Tivoli Circuit. Because of anti-German feeling he changed his professional name to Rudy Mann. His brother Christian was also involved in theatre management.

Even before his children were of school age Dr Bohrsmann took an interest in Glebe Public, awarding an annual gold medal to the boy dux. Their names from 1900 until 1923 are recorded on the Dr Bohrsmann Honour Board still hanging in a school corridor. As a treat to mark the opening of the new infants' building he organised a 'picture show' excursion to Epping Park (today's Harold Park). He often accompanied the boys on their weekly swimming afternoons to Elkington Baths. On Empire Day he lectured both Glebe and Forest Lodge pupils on the history of the Australian flag. The original Commonwealth Star had six points symbolising the States. In 1911 Bohrsmann wrote to the *Sydney Morning Herald* deploring the addition of an extra point to mark the Territories: 'Is Australia to have in its flag a star or a circular saw?'

For several years he was Secretary of Glebe Public's Parents and Teachers Association. In that capacity he was part of a delegation which approached Public Instruction Minister James Hogue in 1908 opposing a proposal to erect a new infants building next to the Ragged School near Wentworth Park. Although Hogue was MLA for Glebe, Bohrsmann observed that he had neglected his local school. 'It



Dr Rudolph Bohrsmann (right) with his father Matthias and son Rudolph, probably early 1902

reminds one of the fact that the bootmaker has the worst shoes and the tailor has to wear an old suit and the watchmaker is busy engaged in looking after, regulating and repairing other people's watches and clocks and neglects his own timepiece.'

Rudolph and his brother Gus were both Liberal candidates in 1913 State elections. Despite a healthy vote, Rudolph lost to Labor opponent Tom Keegan, originally a labourer and MLA for Glebe or Balmain 1910–35. In Enmore the contest was a cliff-hanger, David Robert Hall, a barrister educated at Forest Lodge School, winning on absentee votes. Although born in Australia, both brothers no doubt suffered vilification during World War 1 through the activities of media such as the *Mirror of Australia* which exposed individual 'Huns' in Sydney suburbs: 'a detestable species [to be] purged altogether'.

By 1920 Dr Bohrsmann had vacated his Glebe house and surgery. *Arden* was turned into a Church of England Children's Home (its first matron Miss Mary Jane McGarvey) opposite *Avona Girls' Home*. He shifted his practice to 283 Elizabeth Street, where Aubrey Bohrsmann had rooms as a dental surgeon, and his place of residence to Albion Street Waverley, then 44 O'Sullivan Road Bellevue Hill. He died on 10 September 1925 after suffering a heart attack while playing tennis at Manly. Apart from extended family, mourners at his funeral (at the Wood Coffill Funeral Parlour, Broadway) included Glebe identities alderman Arthur Field and town clerk Tom Glasscock. Also present were German-born baker Christian Raith; rugby union player Harry Holden; all-round-sportsman Hyam Marks, a fellow student at Grammar and a commentator on the first live Test cricket radio broadcast; and Colonel Robert Beardsmore, later instrumental in the dismissal of the Lang government when as an accountant with the Department of Lands he refused to comply with a State order. Rudolph's

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widow died on 22 May 1951.

Rudolph's father was Matthias Christian Bohrsmann of Altona in Holstein, an 18-year-old tailor who arrived in Sydney from Hamburg aboard the *Cesar Godeffroy* (its cargo including large quantities of wine, beer, brandy, cherry brandy and cherry cordial) on 25 January 1854. On the same ship were three others from the same town: carpenters Carl Bormann and J P Boyens, and bookbinder J H Bohrsmann, probably Henry whose address in 1863 was Botany Road Redfern but whose subsequent movements are unknown. All travelled steerage.

By 1858 Matthias Christian – a later variant was Matthew Christopher – had set up as an outfitter at 131 Old South Head Road. By 1861 he had established the Berlin Emporium at number 129, between Crown and Bourke Streets and next to William Harpfiner's Fancy Warehouse. From 1871 to 1883 his 'Berlin wool and fancy warehouse' was at 39 South Head Road (renamed Oxford Street by 1875) between Brisbane and Edward (today Pelican) Streets. After moving to 114 Botany Street he settled at *Altona*, Gordon Crescent Stanmore where he died on 10 August 1902. That day's news was dominated by the coronation of Edward VII. Matthias' widow Elizabeth Johnston née Smith, whom he had married in 1857, died aged 76 on 28 March 1913 at *Hiawatha* St Marks Road Randwick.

Rudolph's siblings were (Mathias) Christian (1858-88), Elizabeth Jane Matilda (1860-1935), Anna (1862-76), Altona Johanna (1867- 1952), Otto Martin (1869-1944), Gustav Hall (1873-1929), Alexander (1875-6), Florence Mary (1876-9) and Sextus who died soon after birth in 1877.

Elizabeth married William Edmund Ellard, a clerk, in 1884. In 1892 Altona married Augustus George Frederic James. MLA for Goulburn 1907-20, he held the ministries of Public Instruction and Labour and Industry before taking up an appointment as a Supreme Court judge. Their daughter Enid Bohrsmann James married Dr Victor Coppleson, later knighted for his services to medicine, and the author of *Shark Attack*, a book which brought him world recognition. Justice James built *Altona* at Point Piper, a house which held the Australian real estate record -- \$28 million -- from 2002 to 2007.

All Rudolph's brothers who survived childhood entered the medical profession. Christian, after graduating BA from the University of Sydney in 1879 and completing his medical degree in London, died aged 30 at his parents' home *Altona*. Otto, trained in Scotland and a Member of the British Medical Association, operated a city practice and lived at Woollahra/Darling Point for all of his working life. Gustav, educated at Paddington Public, Sydney Boys' High and the University of Sydney (ChM MB 1898), went to China where he studied tropical medicine and the treatment of beri-beri and leprosy. On returning to Australia he worked in Hobart and Grafton and as a naval surgeon before settling at *Coo-ee* 52-54 Enmore Road Enmore as a specialist in skin disease. 'Gus' died on 25 November 1929 at the age of 56. His son Gustav Temple Hall Bohrsmann graduated MB BS from the University of Sydney in 1927, was RMO at Sydney Hospital 1927-9 and its Registrar 1928-9. A Member of the British Medical Association, he died at Enmore on 30 April 1940 aged 36.

Matthias Christian senior was natural-

ised in 1869. Naturalised in the same year was a relative from Altona, perhaps a younger brother, Johannes Martin Bohrsmann who had disembarked in Sydney from Hamburg on 23 August 1862. Aged 14 he had sailed steerage and unaccompanied on board the *Alster* through strong gales and heavy weather in the first weeks of the voyage.

Johannes – soon known as John – became a draper. In 1871 he married Louisa Higman from Yass. They lived in Glebe in Mitchell Street and Mount Vernon Street before settling down at *Altona*, 82 Australia Street Newtown. Of their surviving children, Blanche became a stenographer, Marion a schoolteacher, and (John Horace) Aubrey a dentist. Aubrey, who set up house at 12 Australia Street and a city practice from 1908, became president of Sydney Boys' High Old Boys Union and was a regular pianist at their smoke concerts.

- Lyn Collingwood

## Have A Chat Café

The Have A Chat café is in the Old Fire Station at 115 Mitchell St (where the Glebe Society management committee holds its monthly meetings). It is run by Hope Street, a Baptist organisation, and has recently celebrated its fourth birthday; it is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. You can buy a cup of very good coffee for \$1.50 or larger mug for \$2 together with a piece of cake or a biscuit. It is run by the Reverend Julie Brackenreg with the assistance of volunteers from the Glebe Estate. Their hospitality is extended to everyone regardless of their religion or lack thereof. If you type in 'have a chat café' in Google you will gain access to the Hope Street News for Spring 2008 which is about not only the café but also about many other community oriented initiatives of Hope Street. These include a homeless persons program, an employment training program, an op shop and the Glebe Community Church. A very successful barbecue was held recently at the café to raise funds for the relief of bushfire victims. I could never approve of any attempt at proselytism but I can appreciate genuine Christian charity and on that basis suggest that you should pay them a visit. To contact Julie Brackenreg ring 9692 8377.

- Ian Edwards

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# Glebe Events

## The Glebe Society's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary *Celebrating Conservation and Change*

### Launch of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication

Members are invited to the launch of *Celebrating Conservation and Change: 40 years of the Glebe Society* on Friday, 17 April. Our publication focuses on the changes that have occurred in Glebe over the past forty years and the involvement of the Glebe Society. It has been produced by members Jeanette Knox, Ted McKeown and Neil and Jan Macindoe. Our guest to launch the booklet will be Tony Strachan who played a major role in achieving the recognition of Glebe as a conservation area by the National Trust.

To celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this booklet will be provided free to all Glebe Society members. Join us for the launch at *Benledi* on Friday 17 April, from 6 to 7.30pm, and pick up your complimentary copy. Copies will be delivered to members who are unable to attend the launch.

The illustrations include photographs taken by Bernard Smith in 1969, matched to contemporary photographs by Glebe Society member Stephen Christian. The 1969 photographs were sourced from the Bernard Smith Collection at Glebe Library, which includes pictures of many houses in Glebe. The Collection will be on display at the launch – come along and see if there is a photograph of your house in 1969.

This is a free event and there is no need to book. Nibbles and drinks will be served.

- Jan Macindoe

### Two events in June

In June, the Glebe Society is holding two special events to mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The first is a **Community Celebration** with delicious food and drinks to be held at the Woolcock Institute, 431 Glebe Point Road, at 6-8pm on **Friday 19 June**. The venue is the old Max Factor Building, totally renovated as a medical research facility, with the top floor opening out to a terrace with a stunning view of the city skyline. This event is being supported financially by the Society and we hope that a wide cross-section of the local community will join Glebe Society members for the evening. Put the date in your diary now. Cost: \$20.

The second is a 'Special Musical Celebration' at *Margaretta Cottage*, 2pm on **Sunday 28 June**. The repertoire will feature music from the period 1869 to 1969. Cost: \$55.

More information and booking forms for both events will be enclosed in next month's *Bulletin*.

### Contact details required

The Glebe Society will be sending out invitations for several of our 40<sup>th</sup> year events. We have spent some time preparing lists of names and addresses. However, we have been unable to find current addresses for several of our early Presidents, viz

Maureen Colman  
Jim Coombs  
Dr Sam Conlon  
Doris Sharpe

If you are able to assist, please call Liz Simpson-Booker on 9518 6186.

## An Evening with Peter Corris, Crime Fiction Writer

We can fit a handful more people into the upstairs lounge of the Nag's Head Hotel for this event on Sunday 29 March. If you haven't booked yet, please phone Dorothy on 9660 7873 or Margaret on 9660 4121 to check availability.

## Heritage Week talk - Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator

Just a reminder about Heritage Week: this year the Society's Planning Subcommittee has joined with the Walter Burley Griffin Society to organise a talk by the WBG Society's President, Professor James Weirick, the foremost authority on Griffin, to be held in the Griffin Incinerator, corner of Forsyth Street and Griffin Place, at 3pm on Sunday, 5 April.

Griffin designed seven incinerators with E.M. Nicholls but only two now remain in Sydney, of which Glebe is the only one currently

accessible. The incinerator was used as a Council workers' tearoom after its original use ceased, and now it has been restored as part of the extension of the Foreshore Walkway in Blackwattle Bay. Come and share Professor Weirick's insights on 5 April, and meet members of the WBG Society and the National Trust afterwards. Ring 9660 0208 for bookings if you don't have a booking form (inserted in Bulletin 1/2009).



- Neil Macindoe

## Order your 40th Anniversary wine today!

Organisations often have their own specially labelled wine to mark an anniversary and it was felt that some good quality wines might be an excellent way of marking our 40<sup>th</sup>. We have tried hard to obtain wines of good quality at a reasonable price. The label (see right) was commissioned to represent some of the attractions of our suburb and to be an attractive addition to your cellar.

Sales will be by the order form in this *Bulletin*. Please don't forget to fill in the section about pick-up so that we can have your wine ready and waiting for you on the day.



- Mavis McCarthy

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# 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, and will concentrate on Glebe Point Road for the next few months. Put these dates in your diary now.

On **Thursday 2 April** we will share a Vietnamese meal at *Saigon Saigon*, 97 Glebe Point Road (corkage \$2.50). Once or twice during the evening we will pick up our plates and cutlery and change places, so we can talk to more people.

On **Thursday 7 May** we will go to *Roxanne* at 39 Glebe Point Road. Corkage \$3.

And on **Thursday 7 June** we will go to *Thai Intra*, 207 Glebe Point Road, opposite Foley Park..

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.

- Edwina Doe

## Welcome to new members

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

- Frances Candlish
- Laura and David Pritchard

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

## News from the Web Group

The newly designed Glebe Society web page is up and running - see [www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au).

Our next stage is to involve Convenors of all the Sub-committees in editing and updating their sections. Training will be provided - please let Vicky Marquis ([vickymarquis1@bigpond.com](mailto:vickymarquis1@bigpond.com)) or Peter Thorogood, via Vicky, know when you might be available to have some training.

In the meantime, please check out your areas of responsibility and advise Vicky on outdated items, or new material for inclusion on the web.

- Vicky Marquis

## Twilight Sidewalk Astronomy at Glebe Library 15 April 5.30-7.50pm

See the moon, stars and planets close up by telescope with staff from Sydney Observatory.

Explore night sky maps and reading lists from the Library collection.

Free, but bookings essential on 9298 3060

## The Internet for Dummies - Author talk featuring Paul Wallbank,

Thursday 2 April at the Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Road, at 6pm.

Visit [www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/bookclub](http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/bookclub) for more information.

Bookings are essential. RSVP to [library@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or call 9298 3060.

## Do we have your latest email address?

We have sent emails to members recently about urgent matters and many of them could not be delivered.

If you have changed your email address since you last filled in a Membership Application or Renewal Form, please let me know. Email [treasurer@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:treasurer@glebesociety.org.au).

## Bulletins by email

If you would like to receive your *Bulletin* by email instead of snail mail, please email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au).

## Our local Member of Parliament

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For enquiries: Please contact the City of Sydney on 9265 9333.



## Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe Society Archives

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# For your diary ...

- Saturday 28 March**, 8.30 - 9.30pm – Earth Hour. **Turn off your lights!**
- Sunday 29 March**, 6-8.30pm – An Evening with Peter Corris, *The Nag's Head*, 162 St Johns Road.
- Thursday 2 April**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *Saigon Saigon*, 97 Glebe Point Road.
- Saturday 4 April**, Glebe Point Road 'open for business'. See page 5.
- Saturday 4 - Sunday 19 April**, National Trust Heritage Festival.
- Sunday 5 April**, 3pm – Talk at the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator. See page 11.
- Wednesday 8 April**, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Wednesday 15 April**, 5.30-7.50pm – Twilight Sidewalk Astronomy – Glebe Library. See page 12.
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## Contacting

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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, within the Guidelines published on our Website. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

#### Disclaimer

Views expressed in this *Bulletin* are not necessarily those of The Glebe Society Inc.

#### Bulletin deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of April,

The deadline for contributions is

**Wednesday 22 April.**

## The Glebe Society Inc

Established 1969

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<b>Joint</b> (2 people, one address)	\$55
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<b>Concession</b> (student or pensioner)	\$20
<b>Institution or corporate</b>	\$110

Download a Membership Form from our website ([www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGS/Membership/Membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.glebesociety.org.au/AboutTGS/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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