



Harold Park Community Consultation starts

The process for the rezoning of the Harold park site is under way. It is a positive sign that the rezoning process is being done by the City of Sydney Council and the Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) rather than by the Minister for Planning under a Part 3 call in. The Glebe Society met with Council officers in July to discuss broad principles for the rezoning and from all indications there was considerable agreement.

The rezoning of this site, which includes the Rozelle Tramsheds, is of major significance to our local community. Strong competing pressures will be brought to bear during the rezoning process. Our view is that it is a big site allowing for a range of public and private uses and good, balanced planning could produce positive outcomes for both the Harness Racing Club and residents. It is however obviously critical that the community engages in the process and ensures that the Council and the CSPC have their informed views.

The first public consultation will be held on at **6.30pm Tuesday 29 September** at St Scholastica's School. This will be an opportunity for residents to get informed on the issues as the Council will present a site analysis based on a wide range of technical studies commissioned for the site. In addition you will have an opportunity to ask questions and convey views. There will be a second public consultation at which Council will outline the Preferred Planning Option – probably in December.

The Glebe Society will continue to give high

What's coming soon?

Saturday 26 September 11am - 1pm, re-opening of Foley Park and launch of Wireless House sonic art project. See page 10.

Saturday 26 September - 4 - 6pm, remembering Cynthia Jones, *Benledi*. See page 5.

Sunday 27 September 11am - 2.30pm, Wentworth Park Games. See page 11.

Tuesday 29 September 6.30 - 8.30pm, Harold Park Community Consultation meeting, St Scholastica's College. See this page.

Sunday 18 October, Glebe History Walk, starting from *Benledi*, **1.30pm**. See page 13.



Lots of land at Harold Park. Photo: Edwina Doe

priority to this project but if we are to be sufficiently influential to make a difference to the outcomes, strong community engagement is critical. Make a start on this by reading about the Glebe Society's preliminary position on our Website, and by going to the first of the consultations, on Tuesday 29 September.

- Lesley Lynch

Annual General Meeting

The 40th AGM of The Glebe Society Inc. was held on Sunday 30 August at *Benledi*. It was very well attended – more than 50 members filled the meeting room to capacity. As our guest speaker Ian Carroll remarked, the enthusiastic attendance at the AGM reflects well on the success of the Society.

Our President, Lesley Lynch, opened the meeting with the sad news that Cynthia Jones, a much loved member of the Society, had passed away the previous day (see page 5).

Presidents Jan Macindoe (2008) and Lesley Lynch (2009) gave their reports – see page 6. The Sub-committee reports were taken as read, as they had all been published in previous *Bulletins* or were available at the AGM.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet showed that the Society is in a sound financial position.

Lesley was re-elected as President. Under our Constitution, a President has a limited two year term. Other office-bearers do not have fixed terms, but the present incumbents are mindful of the need for renewal in organisations such as ours. Liz Simpson-Booker will continue as Secretary until December 2009,

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Bays Precinct Community Consultation Reprived

To date all reports on this long awaited consultation process have been depressingly negative. At least this month we have something positive to report.

In line with the request made by the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group (BPCRG) and supported by a strong letter from the Glebe Society, Minister Keneally attended the third meeting of the group to clarify a number of issues which were threatening to leave community groups with little option other than to abandon the process.

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but is determined to step down after 10 years in the role. Bruce Davis will continue as Treasurer until next year's AGM, but wants to hand over then. If you would like to take over one of these important roles, please volunteer now, so you can benefit by learning from Liz and Bruce for a few months.

Committee members Bob Armstrong, Robyn Kemmis and Jan Wilson did not seek renomination. However, we are delighted to welcome Carole Herriman to the Management Committee.

A highlight of the meeting was the awarding of Honorary Life Memberships to Eric Sandblom and Liz Simpson-Booker. Additionally, Bobbie Burke was awarded a Glebe Society Commendation. Read their citations on pages 4 - 5.

Our guest speaker, Ian Carroll OAM, President of the National Trust (NSW), gave an excellent talk, *Sense of place and belonging*. The text of his speech is on the Glebe Society Website, and will be published in next month's *Bulletin*.

As is traditional, the formalities were followed by a very lively mid-Sunday social. All present took the chance to talk to friends new and old, while enjoying nibbles and wine.

- Edwina Doe

The Minister spoke with the BPCRG for about an hour. Not surprisingly a fair bit of time was devoted to airing of existing grievances. Numbers of members made it clear to the Minister that the Bailey's refuelling depot decision was deeply resented on dual grounds of bad planning and breach of an explicit Government promise and that this left them with a profound scepticism as to the worth of any future agreements with this Government. In turn the Minister reiterated that the reason for the approval was the existence of a legal DA and that she would not be overturning her decision.

On the other hand, the meeting did achieve the specific process outcomes the Glebe Society had asked of the Minister. Most importantly the original terms of reference were re-affirmed. The BPCRG will provide advice on the whole of the Bays Precinct and not just the three sites that had been designated as the limit of our focus at the previous meeting. There are, of course, all sorts of caveats about the meaning of this, given existing uses, existing Master Plans and recent Ministerial decisions, but none of these will prevent us presenting an integrated planning perspective. Clearly, if we want to argue against existing Master Plans we will need to present a cogent demonstration that they incorporate flawed planning.

Glebe and Pyrmont residents have a particular interest in the recent controversial decision by Minister Tripodi to nominate a preferred proponent for the B1 and B2 wharves in Blackwattle Bay. It was this announcement which triggered the crisis of trust at the second meeting of the BPCRG and fuelled our statement of disappointment and frustration at the continued bypassing of community consultation in our letter to Minister Keneally. It has also become apparent since that the preliminary detailed plans are in significant breach of the principles in the 2000 Master Plan. Both Minister Keneally and our local MP Verity Firth were at pains to clarify

that no approvals had yet been given for B1 and B2. The DA process, including community consultation, had yet to occur. Some might think, notwithstanding such legal truths, that the arrangement looks like a done deal. Both the community representative on the BPCRG and local residents will need to have their voices heard on this DA process. The Glebe Society and the BCC will do their best.

The Minister also gave ground on another important process issue - the lack of any connection between the community reference group and the insider group also advising on the area - the Bays Precinct Task Force, constituted entirely of public agencies. The Minister resisted the request for some overlapping membership but did indicate her openness to a dialogue between the groups via joint workshops. If done with serious intent - rather than as a token gesture- this could be a valuable interaction. The Minister also indicated she was open to the timeframe/number of meetings being extended - with the caveat that if we wanted input into the decision on the permanent location of the Passenger Terminal we had to provide advice on that at least before Christmas

Some of us also made an effort to improve the very poor meeting processes. Some progress was made on this - but the next meeting will indicate if effective changes have been made.

The most optimistic assessment that can be made after three meetings is that we are now at the starting point in terms of the real work of advising on the Bays Precinct. I will continue to work closely with our colleagues on the BCC, with Verity Firth (both our MP and a member of the reference group) and other members of the reference group to gain agreement around general planning principles for the whole Bays Precinct and for appropriate development options for the interconnected Bays sites. Our next meeting is on 28 September.

- Lesley Lynch

Sesquicentenary Rowing Regatta

The last Saturday in August was marked by the return of a grand local tradition – a Rowing Regatta in Blackwattle Bay.

The Regatta was one of the celebratory events of the Glebe Sesquicentenary and clearly delighted the regular walkers, joggers, cyclists and dogs – as well as those who came especially to see what had sadly become a rare event on Blackwattle Bay.

Races (singles, doubles, quads and eights – with the surprise addition of a dragon boat here and there) organised by the Glebe Rowing Club and the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club were held on the Bay during the morning and the Glebe Society, with the support of the City of Sydney Council, provided a continuous morning tea to passers-by from the gloriously situated Glebe Rowing Club. Marcelle Hoff and Meredith Burgmann were among those who joined us to mark this return to tradition.

Although the event had very little pre-organisation time, the rowers' clubs did spectacularly well and we were treated to a well run, fun event as well as being reminded of the high quality of our rowers - both by competitors and the commentator/race caller, Elizabeth Kell, who is a world champion and Beijing Olympian rower.

Many were involved, but special congratulations and thanks should be given to Jane Spring and colleagues from the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club, Kim and Robyn Mackney and colleagues from the Glebe Rowing Club and Bob Armstrong, Anne Fraser and Robyn Kemmis from the Glebe Society for their intensive activity in making this such a pleasurable and successful event in difficult circumstances.

There is a larger story behind this event.

Despite regular requests from the rowing clubs, Maritime NSW has refused to give permission for rowing regattas in Blackwattle or Rozelle Bays for about a decade. The Glebe

Action on the water.

Photo: Gavin Roberts



Society neither understands nor accepts the logic behind the official explanation which is the preservation of the Bays for passive uses. As demonstrated superbly by this recent regatta, rowing is not, and is not perceived by the community as a disruptive or inappropriate activity for Blackwattle Bay. From all indications, there is strong support for the return of annual regattas.

The sesqui regatta was belatedly authorised as a one-off approval following a campaign involving the rowing clubs, the Glebe Society and active support from Verity Firth. This resulted in Minister Tripodi overriding the departmental ban. We have publicly congratulated the Minister for a sensible decision in line with community wishes and are hopeful he can be persuaded to allow ongoing annual regattas on Blackwattle Bay. After all, the tradition is a long one, the site is both safe and splendid and we have two clubs located on the Bay.

The Glebe Rowing Club was established at the end of Ferry Road in 1879 on the site now occupied by the Sydney University Women's Rowing Club

and the Boathouse Restaurant. The Glebe Rowing Club has a new clubhouse next door on land leased from the Department of Education.

The unique history of the Glebe Rowing Club was captured in the photographs and memorabilia on show in the clubhouse - and Max Solling gave a fascinating sketch of the Club's varied history as part of the morning's celebrations. It's a history of which the community can be proud and which is worth keeping alive.

If you're not a rower but would like to support the Club, especially in their efforts to raise funds for a new pontoon, keep an eye out for news of fundraising activities and become an Associate Member for \$75 pa. If you are interested in assisting the Club, call Kim Mackney on 0408 460 355.

The Glebe Society will continue to argue for an ongoing policy change to allow regattas in Blackwattle Bay – and of course for the Bay to be kept safe for rowing and other passive uses. Glebe Society members may want to support this with a letter to Minister Tripodi.

- Lesley Lynch

Glebe Society personalities abound: Peter Pockley in front, Left to right, David Mander-Jones, Jan Wilson, John Gray, Lesley Lynch (at back), Mack Williams and grandson, Bob Armstrong and an unknown but cute dog.

Photo: Gavin Roberts



Three people honoured at the AGM

Here are the commendations of the Glebe Society's Awards Sub-committee for Eric Sandblom, Liz Simpson-Booker and Bobbie Burke, which were read at the presentations on Sunday 30 August.

Eric Sandblom

Eric's involvement in resident action began before his move to Glebe when he led a fight to save the block of flats in which he was living from developers who had bought the historic building. His community activities continued with his subsequent move to Tasmania and later return to New South Wales. In Tasmania he set up and published *Smoke Signals*, the newsletter of the local volunteer fire brigade, as well as being heavily involved in activities to support classical music performances in that State. Back in New South Wales he was associated with the Byron Music Association and was active in the Ocean Shores Urban Association. He currently lives on the South Coast where he is Webmaster for the Callala Bay Progress Association and a number of other groups.

Eric lived in Glebe during the early 1970s at which time there was considerable dissatisfaction with the local Leichhardt Council which was unsympathetic to community participation in Council decision making. Eric, together with David Young, ran for Council in the 1971 elections on the Campaign for a Better Council ticket. They were both elected and formed part of the ground-breaking Open Council that Mayor Nick Origlass instituted under his leadership. Eric was particularly involved in planning matters, to the extent of acquiring the nickname of 'floor-space ratio Sandblom'. The efforts of the two dedicated and hard working Aldermen were recognised at the end of their term by the Society, which had enjoyed good working relationships with

Council over the period. It was felt that many of the Society's aims had been fulfilled or brought close to fulfilment. 'Whereas formerly Glebe was, in effect, zoned for progressive demolition, it now has an effective conservation zoning based on the latest town planning ideas.'

In launching the Society's booklet *Celebrating Conservation and Change in Glebe* in April this year, Tony Strachan, himself an active participant in the Society's work at the time, emphasised the excitement felt by people working then to improve town planning and have heritage values in the older suburbs recognised and the degree to which the Leichhardt Open Council concept was innovative and indeed revolutionary. Committees were opened up to community input, and the opportunities were seized at the Planning Committee in particular.

The Independent Aldermen were unfortunately defeated at the Council elections in 1974 and there was a return to a less consultative style of local government. Eric himself suffered a major stroke shortly after the elections, but he was determined to return to work, and indeed did so in due course. Eric had attended the inaugural meeting of the Glebe Society and was one of its foundation members, and after his service on Council and the recovery of his health he again became active with the Society. Together with Peru Perumal he guided the Society's Planning Committee in 1976 and 1977 and then was elected President of the Society for 1978/79. Planning issues continued to be a feature during his presidency

as the Society ran a major campaign against the Leichhardt Planning Scheme, including door-knocking and letter-boxing by members, since it failed to retain many of the features of the Open Council's planning. His presidency also saw action on Blackwattle Bay Park, successfully reducing the number of units planned by Parkes Development and increasing parkland; a submission on foreshore parklands and opposition to the Balmain Coal Loader. So, in the tenth year of the Society's activity the need remained for continued vigilance and work in pursuit of the Society's aims and Eric led it well.

In view of Eric's major contribution not only to the Glebe Society's planning activities but to town planning in the Municipality as a whole, we recommend that he be made an honorary life member of the Society.

Liz Simpson-Booker

Liz Simpson-Booker became Secretary of the Glebe Society in 1999 so that 2009 will see her completing ten years in this position. While this demonstrates a truly well sustained period of service, the important thing has been the quality of the work that Liz has done. The Society has benefited from the professionalism that she has brought to the position. It has been outstanding.

It has not been, however, just a question of maintaining excellent minutes and records and preparing appropriate letters. Liz has taken a number of initiatives within the Society, among which one might mention her push for the restoration of the stone palisade on Parramatta Road opposite the University of Sydney, the erection of a plaque to commemorate the fact that Australia's first Prime Minister was born in Glebe (and studied at the University of Sydney), and the compilation *Glebe's Treasures* which records the buildings of Glebe that have been listed as heritage items by State and Local Government. These were all



Eric Sandblom receiving his Life Membership certificate from Lesley Lynch.
Photo: Phil Young

quite long-term projects – the Barton plaque for instance was first proposed as a Bicentennial event, but eventuated only in 2009.

There are so many ways that Liz has supported the Glebe/Forest Lodge community through her willingness to initiate and also to participate so energetically in a whole range of social activities. Her clear thinking and organised approach attracted others to the task and her impish good humour always made it so much easier to get on with the job.

Most recently, Liz was a key member of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations working group.

Liz has also been an active member on Sub-committees of the Society, such as the Heritage Group, and is currently working with others on a major submission for funding of a scheme to record and locate for the general public significant heritage sites within Glebe/Forest Lodge.. Her advice and support in the formulation and application of the Strategic Plan(s) will be seen as a major step forward for the Society.

One of Liz's many strengths has been her forward planning skills. No less than six Presidents of the Society have had the benefit of her insights for future aims, tempered always by her keen knowledge of the rules and the conventions of the Society. With her outstanding administrative skills, she has been a major influence in advancing the professionalism of the Society, and its embrace of electronic communication.

The Society has indeed been fortunate in having had the benefit of Liz's talents for such a long time and welcomes the opportunity to recognise her extensive contributions formally.

Bobbie Burke

Bobbie is a long-standing member of the Glebe Society, and while she was a member of the Management Committee in 1989/90, general committee work was not her thing. She has always been more interested in specific projects such as working for the restoration of the Jubilee Fountain at the entrance to Glebe Point Road, and for the improvement of Foley Park. The latter involved both hands on activities, such as voluntary weeding and planting, and also working with Sydney City Council staff in developing a master plan for the renovation of the park – something which has come to fruition with the work done on the park this year.

Bobbie also has enviable skills in desk top publishing. As Bulletin Editor between 1998 and 2001 she redesigned its layout in the form still currently being used. Her skills have also been demonstrated frequently in recent years in the design of flyers, invitations and leaflets to publicise Glebe Society activities. The flyers she prepared for the Blue Wren project were outstanding both in their original design and in the way she integrated the style of the leaflets across the group of publications. Her recent work on material for the 40th Birthday celebrations has been most impressive. She has often prepared material for the Society at short notice, but seems never to have been put out of humour with our demands. We have benefited greatly from her talents in this area.

Additionally, over the years many Glebe Society functions have been catered for by members of its committees, and Bobbie has come forward readily, without needing any pressing to lend a hand, doing whatever was needed to help an event run smoothly.

We recommend that she be awarded a commendation by the Society.

Bob Armstrong, Liz Simpson-Booker and Lesley Lynch.
Photo: Phil Young



Farewell Cynthia Jones

13 January 1945
to 9 August 2009

Cynthia Jones came with her family, Ian, Megan and Cameron, from Lugarno to the inner city in 1987 and found her place in Glebe, becoming one of its staunchest advocates.

She joined the Glebe Society and within a week had taken on the role of Secretary. She wrote that the Society permeated her life and taught her about social responsibilities in the local community. She was involved in the original Glebe Point Road Project, and in the lobbying for a refurbished Foley Park. She was a member of the Executive Committee, Junior Vice-president, new members' contact and, accepting the challenge of learning *Dreamweaver*, was our first Webmaster. She was awarded a Glebe Society Commendation in 2007.

She was a generous host, and countless policy meetings were held around her elegant dining table at 152 Bridge Road where, for many years, the Society's monthly *Bulletin* was folded, taped and labelled for posting.

Notwithstanding her serious disability and its accompanying pain, Cynthia was a vital part of the Glebe community where she established many meaningful friendships. She has left an empty space here in Glebe.

Her family has arranged a celebratory event at *Benledi* to remember her. It is on Saturday 26 September, 4 - 6pm. All are welcome. RSVP to 0415 143 954 or megan@southeastconservation.com.au.

- Bobbie Burke





Reports to the 2009 AGM

President's Report

Jan Macindoe -

August – December 2008

I remained Glebe Society president in the final four months of 2008, holding the fort until Lesley took over in January 2009. Those months, of course, had something of the usual pre-Christmas levity about them, but included events to remind us of the complexity of our task in working within the larger political context.

In late 2008 the Fish Market Board provided details of a new architectural plan for the Market which improved the Market buildings and incorporated substantial open space adjacent to the foreshore. This was a plan that would turn the Fish Market into the great venue we all know it could and should be. The Board was able to contribute most of the cost, but needed a State Government contribution to achieve the upgrade of the public open space. We were briefly excited when the Premier, Morris Iemma, expressed support for the proposal, but that support disappeared as quickly as the Premier himself. As you know, we are still waiting for support for this vital work, but now the issue is more complex still, as Lesley will no doubt describe.

The impact of the political context on our local community is the reason that the Glebe Society has, in recent years, organised public meetings to 'Meet the Candidates' for the various levels of government election, and late last year we held such a meeting for the Mayoral candidates in the Council election. This activity allows us, in a non-political way, to create awareness in our local politicians, from the earliest stage of the political process, of the Glebe Society and the special interests of local residents.

Late last year was also notable for the opportunity to strengthen our ties with Glebe Public School and its parent and teacher community. This began with the fund-raising Trivia Night, which attracted a broad audience, and substantially off-set the

Society's donation to the School, used by them to purchase black-out blinds for the school hall. This led on to the memorable evening celebration of the Glebe Public School Sesquicentenary on 3 November. A packed school hall enjoyed Lyn Collingwood's revue team presenting amusing and revealing scenes from the School's early history, as well as reminiscences from old students. The well-researched history boards that lined the room, and the overall organisation and catering of the event, were the results of dedicated work by Katharine Vernon and her team.

A well-attended and convivial, though damp, Christmas party provided the final event for my two-year term as president, an experience now fading into the mists of memory.

- Jan Macindoe

President's Report

Lesley Lynch -

January to August 2009

I took over the President's role in January 2009. The guidance and support I received in the handover process - particularly from Jan Macindoe and Liz Simpson Booker - gave me immediate experience of the professionalism and generosity which typifies the Society. I was, to my knowledge, only misled once by the outgoing President, and that related to her confident, recruitment spiel about easing in gently, because it would be a pretty quiet year!

First and foremost, notwithstanding all, it has been a celebratory year. We have managed to do that well, regardless of the many sobering local and international issues we had to confront. It was the Glebe Society's 40th birthday year and we were in no doubt that this deserved proper recognition. It was also the sesquicentenary of local government in Glebe. As we have just experienced five greatly improved years of local governance as part of the City of Sydney, we were in the mood to give our support to this anniversary also. Neither

series of events is quite over, but we can say with confidence that both anniversaries have been well recognised with enjoyable and engaging community events.

The Society's 40th birthday was an opportunity to reflect on what had enabled it to survive as an effective community organisation for so long and to celebrate its achievements. A small group of our members, Jan and Neil Macindoe, Jeannette Knox, and Ted McKeown, produced an excellent short history of the society and its achievements, *Celebrating Conservation and Change in Glebe*, which has proved quite a hit. In June we held two formal birthday events: a community party/celebration at the Woolcock Institute building and a smaller musical celebration and champagne reception for members at *Margaretta Cottage* in Leichhardt Street. Both were huge successes. The Glebe Society Christmas party, which will be held at the splendidly restored Wentworth Park Complex in December, will continue the celebrations.

The sesquicentenary celebrations provided an opportunity for the Society to make new, and strengthen existing, connections with other groups and parts of the community in Glebe. The City of Sydney Council supported the sesqui with funding and other assistance. The Society was a very active participant in the events which have been underway since the end of July. Susan Ingram convened a group which organised a spectacular series of art events throughout August. These included historical photos of *Tranby* exhibited at Red Ant, the *Elsie Quilt* exhibited at *Art Almanac* and the *Sesqui Art* show at the *Gallery Adagio*. Jan Wilson led a group which got together an amazingly varied collection of memorabilia which was buried by the Lord Mayor in a time capsule at the Jubilee Fountain. Bob Armstrong and Anne Fraser worked with local sporting groups to commemorate our grand hockey and rowing traditions with sesqui events. The rowing event brought with it a particular challenge. Regattas in Blackwattle/Rozelle Bay have been banned by Maritime NSW.

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The Glebe Society was more than willing to use its good graces to see if a more reasonable policy could be achieved and a tradition dating from 1879 reinstated. We were successful – with the assistance of our local MP Verity Firth. It was, therefore, with particular pleasure that we ran a morning tea in conjunction with the first Regatta for 10 years at Blackwattle Bay on 29 August. It was a delightful community event. While the licence was a one-off, we are determined that this will be the first of a new era of rowing regattas in the Bay. Rumour has it that Bob Armstrong is recruiting for the Glebe Society mixed seniors eights crew for the 2010 regatta.

An associated event was the recent very successful Glebe Heritage Walk conducted jointly by the National Trust and the Glebe Society on 23 August. This was a revival of a prior tradition which had lapsed for a number of years. The high level of interest in the walk would suggest that this kind of informative local event should be continued in some form.

There are more sesqui events to come – the delayed opening of a revamped Foley Park, including the launch of the historic wireless house, is now scheduled for 26 September.

Major planning and development issues have been a constant worry. At the State level it has not been a happy or constructive year. We noted with concern that the trend to undermine independent and community influence was further extended with amendments to the NSW Heritage Legislation significantly increasing the powers of the Minister. On the Transport front we have made little progress on the long argued, good sense of extending the light rail network. In January we read about the Sydney Metro rail line. Some weeks later the Central to White Bay variation was announced. We can only share the frustration of our Ultimo, Balmain and Rozelle neighbours at these apparently ad hoc, and very expensive, transport plans and the seemingly perverse refusal to extend the light rail system.

We kept hearing faint promises about imminent action on a masterplan for the Bays Precinct and a community

consultative committee. But we also heard strong rumours that a decision had been made to relocate the Passenger Ship Terminal to White Bay and that the Glebe Island Bridge was up for stealthy demolition. In early April we wrote to the Premier and the Ministers for Planning and Ports and Harbours, expressing our deep frustration and anger at the lack of integrated planning for the Bays Precinct, the repeated examples of ad hoc development and total lack of community consultation about the future of the area. Other groups wrote in similar fashion.

On 12 June we got a response from Government when Minister Keneally announced the Bays Precinct Planning and Consultation process. Unfortunately, the Minister simultaneously announced that two contentious planning decisions for the Precinct had already been made without consultation; the locations for the Bailey's refuelling depot and the passenger ship terminal. Not a great start to a consultative process.

The Glebe Society entered into the Bays Precinct process in the hope that something positive could be achieved, notwithstanding the sorry recent planning history in the Precinct. However, after only two meetings, the viability of the long awaited community reference group hangs in the balance. The Glebe Society has not given up on the process yet. We have written to Minister Keneally suggesting that 'if the Government is serious about the consultative process it has initiated, if it cares about generating any trust from the community, there are some actions which could possibly salvage the process even at this stage'. We are also working to build an effective community alliance across the Precinct with other groups and local politicians on this critical issue. A full account of this mismanaged process to date can be read in *Glebe Society Bulletin* 7/2009 or on the Website.

The other major development that has at last been activated is the rezoning of the Harold Park site which includes the heritage Tram Sheds. The Harness Racing Club asked the Minister for Planning to take over responsibility for the rezoning of the site. We

argued strongly against this on the grounds that the site was not of state significance but was rather of great local significance. In the event the Minister has left the process with the City Council and the Central Sydney Planning Committee. This will include better community consultation processes than a Part 4 process. The Society has been very active around Harold Park and we have a reservoir of knowledge and contacts from previous efforts on this front. We have met with Sydney University to explore their interest and Neil Macindoe has drawn together a small community reference group which has met several times. We had a very positive meeting with the Council's planning officers in which they outlined their process and we presented our preliminary views and principles for the site. At this stage we are optimistic about the process and we see an opportunity for a very positive outcome for the community and the Racing Club. The site is large and allows for a mix of outcomes. But there is a long way to go yet. The Glebe Society will work cooperatively with the community, the Council and the Racing Club in support of good outcomes. We will fight hard if necessary to protect the community from poor outcomes on the site.

The Glebe Point Road upgrade is all but complete and the focus is now on working with the Glebe Chamber of Commerce for the revitalisation of the business life of Glebe Point Road. Sydney Council has appointed an Inner West Business Precinct Coordinator for Pyrmont, Ultimo, Haymarket and Glebe and this seems to be working as a stimulus for ideas.

We continue to push for the extension of the Foreshore Walk around to the Fish Markets. Potential funding for this is flagged –but not allocated – in the 2010 Council budget, and the extension is dependent on the outcomes of the Bays Precinct and developments in Blackwattle Bay.

We had a significant disagreement

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with the Council over the way in which the Orphan Creek Native Habitat Reserve was implemented, although Council did make some changes to the landscaping in response to community concerns, we were not successful in convincing a majority of the Council on this matter. There has been one positive flow-on from this dispute in that Council has decided to conduct a biodiversity audit - *Biodiversity And Assessment Of Small Native Bird Population Within The City*. This will hopefully generate very important information and we will engage with this process. The very active Blue Wren group has a major interest and has sought early involvement.

In the longer run, the new City Plan the Council is developing will be of great importance for planning in Glebe. For that reason we have sought a further meeting with Council to ensure that there are no remaining contentious issues in the plan. The Lord Mayor has agreed to meet us in early September.

Council gave considerable support to the Glebe Society's efforts to have a plaque commemorating Edmund Barton placed on the footbridge in Arundel Street. The Lord Mayor unveiled the plaque in March and provided a morning tea for guests in the grounds of Sydney University. This plaque is also a monument to Liz Simpson Booker's tenacity – she spent ten years campaigning for it.

The wonderful celebration of the Glebe Public Schools sesquicentenary last year has generated another local history. Lyn Collingwood has brought together the historical material that was collected for the event and has produced a history of Glebe Public School. The Glebe Society and Glebe Public School agreed to provide \$500 each to support publication of this material on the web and in digital form. We are hopeful that Council will on Monday agree to supplement this with a grant of \$5000 to allow the history to be published as a book.

In the spirit of our 40th birthday, the Glebe Society provided one off funding of \$1000 for the Glebe Art Show Art Prize in 2009 which Council had previously funded for several years.

Administratively the Glebe Society is in good shape and we have a reasonable cash reserve. Discussion about use of these reserves has prompted an interesting larger discussion about the criteria on which we provide financial support to projects and other bodies. This will soon result in an update of our overall budgetary policy framework.

Efforts are always underway to improve our communication with members and the community. The *Bulletin* continues to be our central publication and Edwina has maintained its quality and the diversity for another year. The development of the Website has continued and it is now an accessible and up to date source of much interesting and relevant information. In addition we have had reasonably good media coverage for issues we wanted to raise throughout the year.

The Glebe Society Management Committee will experience a significant renewal in 2010. Two of its current stalwarts are not seeking re-nomination: Liz Simpson Booker will continue as Secretary until the end of 2009 only. For a decade she has been the courteous and knowledgeable force behind the scene. Her guiding hand and detailed work has contributed hugely to almost every Glebe Society activity. Liz will be hard to replace- but we will set about doing just that. Bob Armstrong is also leaving the committee after many years in a range of roles including President. Bob's connections and willingness to take on tough tasks for the Society will also be hard to replace on the committee. Others are also not re-nominating for the committee. This is not a new experience for a 40 year old society. We will make the transition and find new people who will maintain the renewal process

- Lesley Lynch

Heritage

A team consisting of Chris Blair, Carole Herriman, Rod and Leslie Holtham, Helena Klijn, Jeanette Knox, Jan and Neil Macindoe, Noel Prosser, Gordon and Kate Stewart and myself has walked the streets of Glebe identifying and describing sandstone buildings and substantial stone structures – a task not always easy because of modifications and additions. Some other buildings – weatherboard, vulnerable – have also been noted. One report is still to come in.

The aim of this exercise is to have some information ready if the unexpected DA turns up, and to add to listed heritage items.

Some of the structures which have been identified as vulnerable or worth researching are:

- * 88 Hereford Street (weatherboard)
- * 298 Glebe Point Road (water seepage through stone fence)
- * 308 Glebe Point Road (bulging stone fence)
- * 2 Talfourd Street (of stone, needing some repairs)
- * 1 Talfourd Street (stone police station, needing some repairs)
- * 72 Bellevue Street (stone, poor condition)
- * 65 Bellevue Street (stone wall, fair condition)
- * 52a Bellevue Street (corrugated iron building, fair condition)
- * 39 Bellevue Street (*The Castle*, sandstone, poor condition, roof & guttering rusted)
- * Bellevue Lane (formerly Sydney Lead Works, sandstone, poor condition)
- * 96A Cardigan Street (weatherboard cottage)
- * 74 Bridge Road (weatherboard cottage)
- * 118 Bridge Road (sandstone two-storey on corner, former shop?)
- * 41 Bridge Road (sandstone two-storey, commercial)
- * 57 St Johns Road cnr Gottenham (sandstone, former hotel)
- * 115-117 St Johns Road (sandstone, residential)
- * 229 Bridge Road (sandstone, guest house)

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- * 93-97 St Johns Road (sandstone, 3-storey)
- * 83-85 Arundel Street (sandstone pair, residential)
- * 45 Foss Street (stone facade ground floor, derelict)
- * 9-11 Leichhardt Street (stone foundations, has had DA to demolish)
- * 10 Avon Street (stone wall, room added at front)
- * 5 Forsyth Lane (brick, covered in Virginia Creeper, DA 5/09 for car space)
- * 4 Forsyth Lane (corrugated iron, timber, formerly stables?)
- * 41 Forsyth Street (single storey brick between two-storey Victorian residences, DA to demolish refused in 2006)
- * 9 Sheehy Street (stone wall, part bulging)
- * 1 Garran Lane (fibro/weatherboard cottage, poor condition)
- * 3 Garran Lane (weatherboard cottage)

I am willing to complete this project but do not wish to nominate for the position of Heritage Convenor. I am involved in a number of activities and in danger of doing none of them very well and I am unable to attend Glebe Society committee meetings.

- Lyn Collingwood

The Environment

The Environment Sub-committee has had two major areas of focus this year – a campaign to establish a second community garden in Glebe, and the continuing Blue Wren project, which promotes protection of bio-diversity, especially in relation to habitat for small birds.

A new community garden in Glebe

Creation of a new community garden for Glebe aroused enthusiastic support from a varied group of members and residents, ranging from retired people looking for a healthy outdoor activity to families wanting their children to develop a better understanding of where food comes from, and in general from inner-city people, living in apartments and small houses, wanting

access to a small plot of land to cultivate. The desire to contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle for inner-city residents was another common motivation.

A small group was formed in response to the City Council's call for Matching Funds grant applications which focused, in the first round for 2009, on Community Gardens. Preparing our application was an incentive to give serious attention to possible locations, and to think through the early stages of establishing a community garden. The group entered into this process enthusiastically. Our preferred location was the large enclosed area next to the Jubilee Park light rail station, which has been used as a depot during the Glebe Point Road upgrade. It has many ideal qualities – it is large, has good solar access and is flat and sealed, meaning an accessible site that would allow built up beds to be constructed. Two other sites were also considered.

Unfortunately our application was unsuccessful, although Council officers encouraged us to persist with our goal. The major stumbling block was the difficulty for Council of determining an appropriate site. Since then, a policy has been developed to set out Council's role in community gardens, and the factors affecting the choice of appropriate sites. This policy will go to Council in September or October.

Our next step will be to ask relevant Council officers to assess our preferred site in the light of their policy. This will involve bringing together different departments within Council to look at any current plans for the site, and probably to undertake a contamination study.

In the meantime, we have 'kept the dream alive' by participating in a tour of other community gardens, both in City of Sydney and Randwick. Our members will also be invited to take part in some Council sponsored training later this year. The fact that Council officers continue to invite us to participate in these events gives us hope that 'it won't happen quickly, but it will happen'.

- Jan Macindoe

The Environment Sub-committee

The Wren Habitat Working Group

It's been a disheartening year for the Wren Habitat Working Group. After our successes of 2008 – launch of the consultant's report, *Superb Fairy-Wren Habitat in Glebe & Forest Lodge* and the Planet Ark Planting Day in Paddy Gray Park – we were all fired up for 2009. Despite our enthusiasm and best efforts our work on two main fronts has come to little so far.

1. Engaging with Council about the recommendations of the report *Superb Fairy-Wren Habitat in Glebe & Forest Lodge* and biodiversity issues generally. Lack of capacity in Council to deal with biodiversity has hindered this engagement, but after many months we're pleased that discussions are about to start.

2. Involving the community in a significant habitat enhancement activity. We planned a working bee for 6 September, one of the days when Planet Ark insures volunteers working on public land, in Paddy Gray Park, to consolidate and extend last year's efforts. Unfortunately we've had to postpone this because Council was not able to do essential preparatory work in time. We're hopeful we can reschedule this in October or November, although for planting, earlier in the spring is better than later.

On a positive note, we're pleased to announce that Superb Fairy-wrens are still being sighted in Glebe!

Jan Craney

Wren Habitat Working Group



Have you visited the Website lately?



More reports to the 2009 AGM

Arts, Culture and the Media

The focus for 2009 has been the Glebe Sesquicentenary celebrations. The Council made funds available for the entire Glebe community to celebrate, and the sub-committee worked with the broad community on a series of events.

Council funding or part funding for gallery spaces made it possible to invite local artists and community service groups to exhibit their work without having to pay for the spaces themselves, thus giving professional exhibiting opportunities to all art practitioners. The galleries involved also contributed by charging minimal rates or even no charge at all.

Glebe Schools took part by contributing historic photos from their archives. We displayed them in the Library, bringing in another group of exhibitors and viewers.

The shopfront displays were on again this year. Roelof Smilde organised contacts with businesses, and both Roelof and Max Solling allowed us to reproduce photos from their collections for the displays. Selected businesses displayed photos for about a month.

Glebe Public School History

Thanks to funding from the City of Sydney, the Glebe Society and Glebe Public School, and technical and moral support from Katharine Vernon and Phil Young, *Glebe Public - the story of a school* is to be published. Copies will be ready before Christmas - perhaps by the time of the Glebe Street Fair. Glebe's Red Ant Media is designing the book.

- Lyn Collingwood



Jan McCulloch of *Art Almanac* made her Gallery Window available for displays from the Elsie women's refuge, including a quilt and children's models and paintings.

Gallery Red worked with Tranby Aboriginal College by displaying historic photographs from their collection.

Gallery Adagio exhibited art works from artists responding to the theme of Glebe history.

Mike and Prue Williams of the *Valhalla* took part in the celebrations by inviting people in for free guided tours conducted by Megan Jones, the designing architect of the reuse project. They also generously invited Glebe Society members to a celebratory party.

We thank Glebe Society members and the community for embracing these events. We also thank the City of Sydney Council, Jan McCulloch of *Art Almanac*, Verity Firth's office. Special thanks go to the sub-committee members, Jan McCulloch, Roelof Smilde and Jan and Neil Macindoe.

Susan Ingram
Convenor, Arts, Culture and Media
Sub-committee

Trees in Chimney Pots

During the National Trust walk in Glebe last month one of the National Trust leaders expressed concern about a young fig tree that had established itself in/on the chimney pot of a handsome pair of Italianate terraces in Glebe Point Road. He believed it would not be long before the fig could badly damage the chimney. Nick Hespe has been alerted to the comment and is contacting the owners of the building. It will be up to them to do something about it. However, perhaps this is also a timely alert to other home owners to check their roofs and chimneys from time to time and remove unwanted plants. They do better in the ground.

Jeanette Knox

The young tree. Photo: Edwina Doe

Foley Park Opening

Foley Park celebration: 11am-1pm Saturday 26 September, Foley Park, Corner Bridge Road and Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

Please join me to celebrate the opening of Foley Park following landscape improvements and the launch of the Wireless House sonic art project as the City's newest public art installation on Saturday 26 September.

Park improvements include increasing the children's playground area and relocating it further from Bridge Road, new paths and seating, levelling the surface of the central village green area and protecting mature fig trees while planting new trees.

The restored Wireless House, designed by sculptor and sound-artist, Nigel Helyer, will provide low level broadcasts and operate as a wireless internet hot-spot giving free internet and email access to visitors to the park. Dr Helyer has an international reputation for large-scale sound installations, environmental sculpture works and new media projects.

The four sides of the building feature unique stainless steel perforated screens in the shape of a radiation pattern - a graphical representation of the relative field strength transmitted from or received by a radio antenna. A transparent panel will reveal a refurbished room containing the necessary equipment to deliver various forms of audio content as well as sculptural references drawn from 1930s radio technology such as valves and antennae harnesses.

Broadcasts will feature material gathered from Glebe Bytes, local oral history project, supported by a \$30,000 grant from the National Trust (NSW). Archival audio material is also being provided with the support of the National Film and Sound Archive.

The Wireless House was built in 1934 to provide radio broadcasts to the local community, at a time when wireless sets were extremely expensive. Grace Bros donated a wireless set so that local residents could listen to radio programs in Foley Park.

The celebration will feature local entertainment, community stalls and refreshments for the first 1000 visitors. It is a part of the Glebe Sesquicentenary celebrations.

From Clover's e-news 18 September

St John's Anglican Retirement Village

Glebe Society member John Spruce has written this article about the St John's Village. It is edited by John Tonetti, also a Glebe Society member, and endorsed by Christine Neill, Village Manager.

History

In the 1950s the Anglican Church in Sydney decided to build Retirement Villages in the Greater Sydney area. St John's Village was the third village built, located at 75 St Johns Road Glebe. There are now 22 Anglican Retirement villages.

The Village was built on the site of the old rectory behind St John's Church and was opened in 1964 by William McMahon, later to be Prime Minister, and dedicated by Archbishop Marcus Loane. The Architects were Hely Bell and Horne who were awarded the 1964 Sir John Sulman Medal for Architecture for the Village design which was U-shaped with a central courtyard. There are 47 independent one bedroom units plus an office, community room and laundry. Each unit consists of an entrance foyer, a kitchen, a bedroom, a living room and a bathroom; large rooms with no common walls to other units. Each resident paid for the unit on a long lease basis plus a monthly maintenance fee and the Village was serviced by a handyman, electrician, plumber and gardener. The courtyard was upgraded with a vined pergola in 1999 and the gardens were expanded and improved.

Social environment

Glebe is a quirky, bohemian suburb due to the mix of people with its students and academics as well as indigenes, left wing activists, business people, workers, literary folk and artists. Since the village units are for independent living, there is no com-

munity dining room, and all residents are free to run their own race. There are Bridge groups, bus trips to various places on outings, movies every Wednesday afternoon in the community room, an excellent Library where a resident can order a new book at no cost, birthday parties in the community room from time to time and occasional parties thrown by Anglican Retirement Villages or by residents.

The mood is convivial and harmonious and there are very few variations of opinion. A quarterly residents' meeting takes place chaired by the Manager to discuss items on the residents' agenda and to vote on same, as well as an annual presentation of Balance Sheet on financial matters. A 'buddy system' prevails whereby one resident keeps a friendly eye on another in general terms.

The residents are 34 women and 17 men, aged 62 to 94 years. The Village Manager is Christine Neill and the Village Administrator is Kerry Shield.

- John Spruce

Editor's note

I was among a group of Glebe Society members who enjoyed a morning tea at the Village in the 1980s. We were shown a unit designed to be shared by two women. The kitchen had two stoves, two sinks etc, because 'everyone knows that two women can't share a kitchen'. Presumably those units have since been redesigned.

Introducing the Trivia Stringer

An anonymous reader has started to send me snippets for the Bulletin. This could rival Column 8, given a chance.

Here is the first contribution. Does anyone else have any trivia to share?

Statues on Anzac Bridge

Professor Robert Hannant from Otago University calculates that the statues on the Anzac Bridge face directly towards sunset and sunrise on specific, significant days. The Glebe Island Bridge was opened on 3/12/1995 and renamed the Anzac Bridge on 11/11/98 (Remembrance Day). On 25/4/2000 (Anzac Day) the statue of the Australian Digger was unveiled. It was not aligned with the roadway but did face in the general direction of the sunset and within the sentiment of the well known ode, which includes '...at the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them...' as its sculptor, Ian Somerville, whose parents are from Australia and New Zealand, commented. Hannant's observations are that the statue fulfils these conditions but also faces directly at the spot the sun sets on Remembrance Day each year

On 25/4/2008 the statue of the New Zealand soldier was unveiled. It too was not aligned with the roadway but is specifically oriented to the spot at which sunrise occurs on Anzac Day each year. Hannant has no confirmation from authorities that these orientations were planned though he has written to the Premier's Department. As he said in his speech that was broadcast by *Big Ideas* ABC Podcast 9/8/09, 'whilst we await a reply we can speculate ...'

- Trivia Stringer



Wentworth Park Games

Sunday 27 September, 11am to 2.30pm

The Wentworth Park Games will be held again this year on Sunday 27 September 2009, at Wentworth Park.

Bring your family and friends and join the fun. There will be community games with teams representing Glebe and Forest Lodge competing with Pyrmont and Ultimo, dog races for your family pet and heritage displays. The day will also include races for local pooches. The winner of the 'Any Other Hound Dog' races will be presented with the prestigious Wentworth Park Mongrel Cups.

See the Website or last month's *Bulletin* for more details of the program.

Getting to Know the Glebe Society

Welcome to Gilda Jennings

You can take the girl out of Glebe but you can't take Glebe out of the girl!

Gilda Jennings (née Gray) is a new member of the Glebe Society but one of its longest residents, having been born here in the 1940s and spending most of her youth here. She now lives in Queensland but that hasn't stopped her joining the Glebe Society and receiving the *Bulletins* to still feel connected to the place so close to her heart.

She lived her first 20 years with her family at 96 Bridge Road, Glebe*, opposite the Excelsior Hotel. The house was an early 19th century 'Gentleman's Residence', a grand and elegant convict-cut sandstone two storey house with six bedrooms, a ballroom, lounge and dining rooms, beautiful stairway, all wrapped around with verandahs. It had maids' quarters and a cobbled huge back yard with stables for six horses, two converted to garages for cars.

Regrettably the Department of Main Roads demolished the house in the 1960s to make way for the western distributor that never eventuated!

Gilda's memories of her childhood are very happy ones.

'Growing up there was just wonderful. Everyone was lovely and we always had a house full of people and there was laughter and smiles all over the place. Neighbours were kind and caring and school – Glebe School of course - was terrific and I commenced there when I was five years old and went through until I was 15 years old, as did my two elder sisters. I always thought we had a very good education at Glebe School and great teachers who taught extremely well – even though that fact was 'lost' on us at the time they were actually teaching! My Mother, although always watching out for my safety, would allow me to go out at night to the 'pictures' with my friends as long as we walked there and back with adults somewhere nearby. And I

am pleased to say that nothing ever happened to any of us in all those childhood years, and we grew up with the feeling of being 'safe'!

And Glebe was so close to the City that we could walk into it either by going over the old Pyrmont Bridge and straight up into Market Street where most of the Theatres were. And we could walk the 'other way' through Broadway and past Central Station to the city. Even though we were not near the beaches we had the choice of which beach we wanted to go to so we would get trams out to Coogee, Bronte or Bondi and sometimes we made the trip by bus over to Dee Why or Collaroy. We'd also go to Taronga Park Zoo a lot, catching the tram into Circular Quay and going over by the ferry. Sometimes we would actually walk back over the Harbour Bridge. We loved to go to the North Sydney Olympic Swimming Pool on the weekends as when we had finished the swimming part of our day we would go off to Luna Park! Then of course we had the Botanical Gardens that we used to go into and have picnics and also we'd go to the Art Gallery and Museum. We just seemed to have countless places to go to and it seemed endless to us. We were never bored or unhappy – it was simply a fabulous and most wonderful childhood.'

Gilda's working life has been varied and full of interest. She started out doing office work and then at a crossroads decided on a year of work at Lord Howe Island - a time she remembers with great fondness. She does not regret having turned down a potential career in commercial art. Not long after returning from Lord Howe she took off with a friend to explore Australia. She has just spent a week-end with that friend, years later. Her Glebe friends are still some of her best. She has worked as a legal secretary and for a Publishing Firm where the Editor was a former Leader of the NSW Liberal Party - a very interesting and diverse job. Her last position was that of Personal Secretary to the Deputy General Manager of Australia Post, which was 'a truly terrific job'. After a couple of false starts, Gilda married and has been blissfully happy

for over 40 years. They have one son who has a dual career with one foot in the army and the other in the police force. Having lived all their lives in Sydney, apart from a brief foray in England, they decided to retire to the Snowy Mountains but the cold soon altered that decision and they are now happily retired at the Gold Coast in Queensland.

Welcome aboard the Glebe Society, Gilda - Queenslander yes, but still a Glebe product!

- Anne Fraser

* Look out for more information about 96 Bridge Road in a future Bulletin.

Anders and Judith Ahlqvist

It was a stay at Liz Trickett's Guest House in Glebe Point Road that persuaded the Ahlqvists to take up residence in Glebe - well, Forest Lodge to be precise. Judith and Anders moved from Ireland only last year when Anders took up the position as the Sir Warwick Fairfax Professor of Celtic Studies at Sydney University. Prior to this he had spent 27 years at the University of Galway, Ireland. And what better place to set down roots than a house only a 7-minute walk away from the office! No car necessary for their current lifestyle.

After a year they managed to join the Glebe Society when attending the Historical Society's walk around Glebe a few weeks ago. They are here for a 5-year teaching contract after which the future remains to be seen. These two people think internationally. Anders is from Finland originally and Judith hails from New Zealand. Both have family still in their respective homelands and a son soon to be married and to remain in Edinburgh where Anders did his PhD degree.

Both are enjoying the inner city living and hope to attend many Glebe Society events in future.

Keep a lookout for them at future events and welcome them to our wonderful neighbourhood.

- Anne Fraser

Glebe Events



Our Christmas Party Friday 11 December

Here's another reminder that the Christmas Party this year will be held on Friday 11 December in the newly refurbished Wentworth Park Dining Room. There is plenty of room for a full sit down dinner with lots of opportunity to mix around and catch up with everyone, meet all the new members and have lots of interesting things to do along the way. Off the dining room there is also a wonderful verandah area for some dancing afterwards for those who feel so inclined. The cost for all this? Around the \$50 mark per head. Tickets go on sale next month, so watch out for the flyer in the next *Bulletin* and get in quick. See you there!

- Anne Fraser

The 20th Annual Glebe Music Festival 8 November to 6 December



Margaretta Cottage

The Lyon String Trio, on tour with Musica Viva, will be performing at the 20th Annual Glebe Music Festival on **Tuesday 1 December at 7pm** at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road.

This is a concert especially for lovers of chamber music. French violinist Julien Dieudegard, Belgian violist Nathan Braude and Australian cellist Martin Smith will perform works by Dohnányi, Grandage, Beethoven and Huss.

They will perform Ernő von Dohnányi's Serenade in C major, Op.10, for string trio, written in 1902 and published in Vienna two years later. The Australia Council has commissioned a piece by the leading young Australian composer Iain Grandage for the Lyon String Trio 2009 tour. This piece will be performed at the Glebe Music Festival concert. The Lyon String Trio will also perform the String Trio Opus 9 No. 3 by Beethoven and *Muurwerk* trio by the Belgian composer Walter Huss (b.1959).

Tickets (\$20/\$10 concessions) include refreshments and are available in advance by sending the booking form or at the door.

Further information about the Festival is in the leaflet sent with this *Bulletin* and at www.glebemusicfestival.com.

- David McIntosh

History Walk in Glebe, Sunday 18 October



Reussdale

So many National Trust Members signed up for the Walk on 23 August that we had to stop advertising the event. So we are having another walk for people who missed out on the first one.

The guided walk will start at *Benledi*, 186 Glebe Point Road at 1.30pm and will take about two hours. It will be followed by afternoon tea at *Benledi* from 3.30pm to 5pm and a talk by Max Solling.

The cost is \$25. Booking is essential, for planning and catering purposes. A booking form is enclosed with this *Bulletin*. **RSVP by Monday 12 October.**

- Edwina Doe

Talk by Max Solling

On Wednesday 14 October at 6.30pm, Max Solling will be giving a talk at the Glebe Library on Literary Culture and Libraries in Glebe. This talk will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the City of Sydney Library Service. The event will be free and refreshments will be served. We will be limiting it to 60 people so bookings are essential - contact Glebe Library on 9298 3060.

- Margaret Whittaker

Tony Larkum's Book-Launch

There will be a book launch for Glebe Society member Tony Larkum's new book, *A Natural Calling: the life letters and diaries of Charles Darwin and his cousin William Darwin Fox* at the Macleay Museum, University of Sydney at 4.30pm on **Friday 9 October**. All welcome. For details contact Tony on 9660 7030.

Players in the Pub

Next in the series of occasional moved readings at the Toxteth Hotel is a classic farce: Georges Feydeau's *On Purge Bébé*. A manufacturer of chamber pots deals with a mad wife, a dim-witted maid, a cuckolded guest -- and 'Baby', who refuses to take his laxative. In its day the play was a huge popular and critical success.

In English, adapted and directed by Lyn Collingwood. **Tuesday 6 October at 7pm.**

Upstairs Media Room Toxteth Hotel 345 Glebe Point Road. Two main meals for one on Tuesdays. Free admission.

These are not static readings but theatrical presentations using minimal props and furniture.

Sophocles' *Antigone* is scheduled for November. Look for details in the next *Bulletin*.

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.

On **Thursday 1 October** we will enjoy dinner at *The Olive Tree*, the Greek restaurant upstairs in the Excelsior Hotel, 101 Bridge Road, under the railway bridge.

On **Thursday 5 November** we will have an Italian meal at a new restaurant, *Pastabella*, 89 Glebe Point Road.

And on **Thursday 3 December**, we will go to *Mu Kung Hwa* Korean restaurant, 36 Glebe Point Road.

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 August Management Committee meeting:

- * Anders and Judith Ahlqvist
- * Luke Burr
- * Andrew Nutting

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

Planning Matters

If you have any urgent planning concerns to report in the next few weeks, please contact Noelene Bearn (noelene@siteservices.net.au) or Tony Gardiner (tsg@internode.on.net).

Have you seen our Website lately?

If you haven't looked at the Glebe Society Website recently, you are missing a treat.

Whilst the *Bulletin* is an excellent monthly newsletter, the Website contains news items of interest that arise on a daily basis. Don't miss out – check into the site at least once a week. The address is www.glebesociety.org.au

Inner West Courier

I was a bit confused in last month's *Bulletin*. I assumed there were separate papers for different areas, but apparently some people in Glebe receive both the Tuesday and Thursday issues of the *Inner West Courier* each week. In Bridge Road, we don't get the Tuesday *Inner West Courier*, and delivery of the new Thursday issue is unreliable.

According to the Editor of the *Inner West Courier*, distribution of the two issues is not exactly the same, but I still find it strange that parts of a community-minded suburb like Glebe are discriminated against in this way.

- Edwina Doe

Yaralla Open Day, Sunday 25 October

(Dame Eadith Walker Hospital - Architects Blacket & Suliman)

On the banks of the Parramatta River at Concord West, Nullawarra Avenue entrance opposite The Drive (off Concord Road)

Guided tours of the Mansion, Squash Court, Dairy, Stables & Gardens. Tickets (Tours only) Adults: \$15; Concession/School Student: \$10. Younger children free

*Gifts & books in the Heritage Shop

* Photographic Exhibition 'Yaralla 1870-1970'

* Bring a picnic to enjoy in the Rose Garden

* Stop by for a Devonshire Tea in the restored Dairy

* Buy a B-B-Q lunch and drinks from Concord Rotary

Contact Lois 97448528, <http://www.concordheritage.asn>

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For your diary

- Saturday 26 September 21, 2009, 11am - 1pm** - Reopening of Foley Park and launch of the Wireless House.
- Saturday 26 September 21, 2009, 4 - 6pm**, remembering Cynthia Jones, *Benledi*. See page 5.
- Sunday 27 September, 11am – 2pm** – Wentworth Park Games. See page 13.
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- Wednesday 14 October, 7.30pm** – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Sunday 18 October, 1.30pm** – Glebe Society Walk and Afternoon Tea – *Benledi*. See page 13.
- Thursday 5 November, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Pastabella*, 89 Glebe Point Road. See page 14.
- 8 November to 6 December** – 20th Annual Glebe Music Festival. See page 13.
- Wednesday 11 November, 7.30pm** – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Thursday 3 December 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Mu Kung Hwa* Korean restaurant, 36 Glebe Point Road.
- Friday 11 December** – Glebe Society Christmas Party Dinner, Wentworth Park. See page 13.

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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, within the Guidelines published on our Website. Write to the address above or email editor@glebesociety.org.au

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Bulletin deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of October.

The deadline for contributions is

Wednesday 21 October.

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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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