



Planning decisions to be made this year will be of major significance to Glebe and surrounding suburbs. The first relates to the future development of Harold Park and the associated Tramsheds. The second is less specific to Glebe, but has the potential to reshape the waterfront of the inner-west.

In this Bulletin we attempt to bring you up to date. In the article below, planning convenor Neil Macindoe, reports on the concept plan for Harold Park presented to community workshops recently, and on page 2 President Lesley Lynch urges members to 'have your say'.

On pages 2-3 Lesley reports on the last meeting of the Community Reference Group and the surprisingly positive outcomes.

Big planning decisions in 2010

Harold Park workshops 'unsatisfactory'

The presentations by the Government Architect's Office (GAO), acting as consultant for the City of Sydney Council, were unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. The technical reports essential to making decisions were not available, and consequently residents were often unsure whether they had any basis for objection. Moreover, there was no provision for questions except within groups, and often there was no answer available anyway.

The presenter showed insufficient regard for the context of the site. It is entirely within the Johnston's Creek Valley and surrounded by the Glebe, Forest Lodge and Annandale ridges, all Conservation Areas, including many heritage items. There are other heritage items to the north, including the Tramsheds, which are part of the site; the light rail viaduct and Jubilee Park.

Most importantly, the parklands of the valley extend almost from Parramatta Road to the Rozelle Bay foreshore, and include an extensive area earmarked for open space between the carpet factory and the viaduct. The valley also contains the main north-south transport routes. There are a large number of public viewing points across and along the valley.

It became clear the GAO proposal was both too dense and too high to retain the character of the valley, and related poorly to the main features with which it should connect most strongly.

Built Form

It also became clear from statements by the City's Director of Strategic Planning that the number of dwellings proposed was greater than

necessary. It also became clear that any structure over six storeys above ground impacted severely on the privacy and views of surrounding dwellings, ie anything higher than the grandstand cliff had adverse impacts. The grid pattern is unresponsive to the character of the valley and lacks a clear traffic and pedestrian circulation pattern. In addition, there was no information about resident parking which could impact substantially on building height and lo-



Proposed Harold Park layout - Tramsheds at the top.

cation. In general, the configuration, location, height and circulation associated with proposed residences were unsatisfactory.

Access

The necessary improvements to pedestrian and cycle access were either absent or vague. Access to the Tramsheds is proposed to be across parkland, whereas the preferred route is to reopen and extend the original access, known as the Canal Road, via a controlled intersection with The Crescent. Part of this route is also recommended for conservation in the Heritage Study. This route could also provide some access to the residential part of the site, taking some of the pressure off the Ross Street entrance. Another reason to restrict development is that all the major surrounding intersections

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What's coming soon

Tuesday 2 March, 6-8.15pm – Community Forum, Glebe Town Hall.

Thursday 4 March, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Flavour of India*.

Sunday 21 March – Free Open Day at Wentworth Park Greyhound Races.

Sunday 28 March – 1.30-5pm - Tour - A Temple, a Chapel and Two Churches.

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are at or above capacity, as is all the public transport except light rail.

Open Space

The proposed open space along the base of the cliff has many problems. It would create a narrow wind tunnel and, because of the high buildings next to it, would be invisible unless you were actually in it. Thus there are security problems as well as major overshadowing in the mornings. The space appears to double as an access route. It has no relationship to the existing Johnston's Valley Parklands. And, in addition, at 2.75 hectares it is a much smaller area than would be justified by the scale of development.

Tramsheds

Although these are recommended partly for community use (state and local) in the Sustainability Study, there was little mention of this in the presentation. The curtilage should include the entire forecourt, which does not preclude reinstatement of the gardens, recreational use and low plantings for small birds.

The Tramsheds are the most distinctive part of the site and should be the focus. They can provide a range of amenities for the new residents on site as well as for the surrounding community, so all types of access, including from the new development, need to be carefully thought out. The in-situ trams can be restored on site or used on the extended light rail.

Many residents are unaware the GAO proposal includes a large new building next to the Tramsheds, zoned mixed use but intended to house a five storey car-park and extensive commercial element, both in association with the Tramsheds. This is the only mention of parking in the studies, except to point out parking opportunities in the surrounding streets.

Conclusion

At this stage the Harold Park Working Party believes the entire project should be extensively rethought and redesigned, taking far greater notice of resident comment than has occurred so far.

Neil Macindoe
Convener
Harold Park Working Party

Community Advice to Government on Bays

The Community Reference Group for the Bays Precinct (CRG) held its last formal meeting on Monday 1 March. As reported in the October 2009 *Bulletin*, the CRG, after a very shaky start, had settled into a more productive mode and at that meeting we provided the Government with the next stage of our advice.

We developed a draft set of principles last year and through February had been working with these to put down some broad brush proposals for the bays and foreshores. One outcome has been agreement to strengthen the principles in rela-

tion to public access and uses. We now have a set of agreed objectives, given teeth through a detailed set of planning principles, which we hope Government will accept as setting strategic parameters for the future development of the Bays Precinct. Should they do so, we would have some protection against future ad hoc development decisions that override the public good and community wishes.

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Have your say

We now have the first indications of the thinking from the City of Sydney's consultants on options for the rezoning of Harold Park. Around 300 residents attended presentations on 10 and 17 February on the Government Architects preferred option for the overall urban design. In addition, the important technical reports on transport, economics, heritage and sustainability are now available on the CoS website.

Neil Macindoe has provided an account of community reactions to the Urban Design Study presentation (see pages 1-2). It is clear that initial community reactions are at best divided. Feedback to the Glebe Society suggests that most participants were disappointed with the preferred option and most have major concerns.

The concerns relate to density, height of buildings, open space, transport/parking and loss of public views and the disappointments relate to lost opportunities for more creative design options. This is a huge site with enormous potential if a fair and reasonable balance can be struck between private and public good and the creative and sensitive design principles applied.

The positive is that this is still early days and we do have opportunity to influence the outcome.

We argued for CoS to have carriage of the rezoning (rather than the Minister under Part 3) because their processes allow for much greater consultation. We now need to take advantage of this and engage with the process at every available point.

Now is one such opportunity to have your say. While the consultation allowed each table to provide reactions, it was, of necessity, a rushed and somewhat chaotic process. Many people are clarifying their reactions post the meeting. Thankfully, we have a small window for more reactions to be registered. Public input on the presentation and the related technical reports is open via the CoS website until Monday 8 March (www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au, search for Harold Park and follow the prompts). Alternatively (or in addition) you can send your views to the Glebe Society by snail mail to PO Box 100, Glebe, by email to planning@glebesociety.org.au, or log on to our website (www.glebesociety.org.au) and comment on the Harold Park *News* item. We will be providing a response on 8 March and in the interim week are seeking members' views. We will get a further opportunity to comment when the proposed planning instruments (DCP and LEP) go on public exhibition in September.

There will be strong pressures for unacceptably high density development with the resulting implications for building height and reduction of public space. And there is always the underlying possibility that the Government can call the project in – at any point in the process. So make sure your views are heard.

- Lesley Lynch

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The CRG objectives for the Bays include: ending the long history of ad hoc decision making; reaffirmation of the primacy of the 'public good' over private benefit as the driver for future decision making; protection of the remaining publicly owned harbour and foreshores from further alienation (pity about the proposed excision of Sydney Harbour for the 'Dubai' hotel at Barangaroo); much greater access for the community to the foreshores - including continuous access except where precluded by safety or security reasons; restoration of headlands and heads of bays to the community as opportunity arises (pity about the Bailey's decision); safe access for passive water based recreation (rowing etc); recognition of our maritime and industrial history and conservation of heritage items (watch out for Glebe Island Bridge); prohibition of major planning decisions without simultaneous provision for necessary transport infrastructure; exclusion of future private housing from direct foreshore frontage; maintenance of a contemporary 'working harbour' character; provision of major public art and cultural activities and of course best practice sustainability principles to be the new norm.

Well what is new? Perhaps a Government willing to stand by such objectives? Or a network of community groups better armed and more determined to insist they do.

The CRG worked with little technical information, which, in conjunction with the time frame, precluded development of a complete, soundly based vision for the Bays. Its broad brush proposals for the Bays are therefore a first cut with an emphasis on the protections for future community access. We expect to have the opportunity to add depth and detail during the planned Stage 2 of the Bays Precinct Planning process in the second half of 2010.

En route, we reluctantly provided advice to Government on the location of the Cruise Passenger Terminal (CPT). The CRG was divided as to the best location: many were not convinced that the starting point was justified (ie the relocation from its current location) and Balmain community members were pretty equally divided as to whether White Bay or Glebe Island was the preferred alternative site. (The same division of community opinion was manifest at Leichhardt Council's

public meeting on the CPT.) What we did agree on was that the whole exercise around the CPT was an exemplar of a poor planning process. We were required to indicate a preferred site for a major activity without being able to assess relative merits of other options for these and neighbouring sites, with no technical or economic analyses and most glaringly, with no information as to how apparently intractable transport issues were to be managed. We were thus reluctant participants in yet another one-off, un-strategic planning decision. (Three Balmain community members resigned from the CRG largely as a result of disagreements around the CPT White Bay decisions).

A major concern of community groups has been that the Government will continue to make major decisions before the Bays Precinct process is finalised. We can only hope the Government respects the consultative process it has, belatedly, set in place. But if for legal reasons the Government cannot avoid a major planning decision, the CRG has argued that any development must comply with the Planning Principles for the Bays Precinct.

We will be bringing to the last meeting a proposal that Government cuts through the current fragmented management that flows inevitably from the competing agendas and silo mentality of the 11 or so government agencies currently entrusted with ownership/management of the publicly owned parts of the Precinct. It is hard to see how any strategic plan for the Precinct can be implemented successfully under current arrangements. We will be proposing the establishment of an independent Bays Precinct Authority - though not one which is immune from public scrutiny and appeal through the appropriate channels.

Incidentally the CRG, despite numerous requests and a Ministerial instruction, has had no interaction with, nor feedback from, the Bays Precinct Task Force where we understand our public officials are developing their advice on these matters for Government.

We have stayed with this at times very frustrating consultative process because the Bays site is so hugely important, sited as it is between the CBD and the inner west residential areas and with such huge potential for exciting and imaginative redevelopment. It provides a rare opportunity that once missed will not come again. And we hard headed optimists will keep up the battle into

and beyond the next election.

We will produce a short 'glossy' summarising the CRG advice to Government. The CRG report will be available on the Glebe Society website on 2 March. The Government's timetable has slowed with the change of Ministers. It seems that the consolidated report from the Bays Precinct Taskforce will emerge sometime around April or May. The timeframe for Stage 2 (developing the Strategic Plan/Master Plan) will then be set.

- Lesley Lynch
President

Bird habitat destroyed

Over 100 native plants were uprooted by Council contractors on 25 January. They destroyed the small bird habitat in Paddy Gray Park that Council, the Glebe Society and the community worked together to create!

In July 2008 around 250 people came to plant and mulch over 400 plants, taking home a further 150 plants for their own gardens and information about habitat planting. The Blue Wren Group of the Glebe Society organised the event, to enhance habitat in Glebe's 'wren corridor' to encourage Superb Fairy-wrens and other small birds, which are all becoming rarer and rarer in our local area. Council assisted with ground preparation, some plants, labour and mulch.

This summer, despite rainless periods and a few losses, the plantings were doing wonderfully well, with several significant areas of variegated structured habitat at least 1½ metres high.

Then in their wisdom on 25 January about five Council contractors ripped out around two thirds of these native plants, leaving sparse shrubs in bare earth. Uprooted correas, wattles, hakeas and kunzeas, at least 100 plants in all, were seen piled up ready for removal. These contractors apparently failed to identify the real weeds in other parts of the park - celtis, sucker-ing erythrina, potato vine and asthma weed! By the time the destruction had been discovered it was all over.

About a week later Wren Group members and the Glebe Society's President met on site with managers from the City of Sydney and Citiwide (the City's park maintenance contractors). Profuse apologies were offered, and concerns

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Glebe Society Priorities for 2010

Towards the end of 2009 the Management Committee drew up a preliminary list of priorities for 2010. These are to be read in the context of the current Glebe Society Strategic Plan.

The City of Sydney's central strategy agenda set out in *Sustainable Sydney 2030* (especially Strategic Direction 6: 'Vibrant Local Communities and Economies') also provides a useful context for working with the City to achieve our priorities.

Before finalising these we would like feedback from the membership. Are these the right priorities? Are we missing important issues? Note this is essentially just a listing of important issues at this stage and is not yet in any priority order.

1. Coalition building – strengthening links with other organisations in and beyond Glebe to advance community agendas with state and local governments.

2. Policy/legislative reform – work with others to reform state planning, heritage and conservation legislation to re-establish appropriate balance and protections for community views

3. Heritage issues – a renewed focus

4. Community building and provision of social and physical infrastructure.

5. Planning and development issues:

- Working towards a strategic plan and planning principles for the whole Bays Precinct including the extension of the Bays Foreshore Walk.
- Ensuring a strong community input into the proposed rezoning and development of the Harold Park Paceway and Rozelle Tramsheds Site.
- Review the CoS City Plan to ensure that it provides a positive and desirable planning framework for future development of Glebe and Forest Lodge. (The City Plan has been under development for a number of years and is expected to be exhibited in early 2010. This will form an important planning framework for future development of the Glebe and surrounding areas. The exhibition period will provide a final opportunity for community input before the finalisation of this Plan.)

6. Environment/sustainability issues:

- Clarifying focus and useful agendas for Glebe Society engagement.

- Supporting the implementation of the Blue Wren report.
- Working with CoS to build its capacity – especially in the areas of biodiversity.
- Supporting community gardens.

7. City of Sydney Cycling Strategy and implications for Glebe:

- Improving consultation and liaison between the City and community in planning routes appropriate to the Glebe and Forest Lodge streets and community/business activities.
- Building community support for cycling.

8. Administrative Issues

- Ongoing development of the Glebe Society website.
- Ongoing membership recruitment and support for new members.
- Improving active membership base and regular renewal of management committee.
- Improving consultation with members.
- Review archive strategies for Glebe Society and other local records.

- Lesley Lynch
President

Light rail to Quay promised

After years of campaigning by the Glebe Society and others, it appears that the light rail system will be extended to Circular Quay. As part of its latest transport strategy, the Government, on 21 February, announced a \$500 million expansion of light rail with up to 20 new stations and almost 10 km of new track. The existing system is to be extended to Dulwich Hill using a disused goods railway line and to Circular Quay via the Barangaroo development. The western extension will allow Glebe residents to catch a tram to Leichhardt Market Town, the obvious stop in this area is near the corner of Marion Street and Hawthorne Parade, opposite Lambert Park.

It is likely that the western extension will be completed quite quickly as the disused line is already in place. The inner-west route stretches from the existing terminus at Lilyfield to Summer Hill, just south of the Inner West CityRail line near Lewisham Station at the Flour Mill site, going further south to the Wardell Road Junction at Dulwich Hill. The route to Circular Quay may take a little longer to build as it will

need to be integrated in the Barangaroo plans, replacing the CBD metro station which has now been abandoned, or at least put on hold for another decade or more. A route will also have to be found through The Rocks, an area with many heritage sites.

Access to the city via the new route proposed for light rail will not be as convenient as the Pitt and Castlereagh Street route planned when the first stage was developed as it will branch off the present line at Haymarket and then follow Sussex Street and Hickson Road, which are quite a long hike from the Pitt Street mall.

Another issue, which has already been flagged by the present light rail operator, is integrated ticketing. As we all know the light rail is not cheap, as unlike the private bus companies, it receives no Government subsidy. Given the Society's demographic, I imagine a \$2.50 excursion ticket covering light rail as well as trains, buses and ferries would be a real vote winner!

The Premier's announcement states that

'work will begin immediately and NSW Transport and Infrastructure would go to "market" as soon as possible'. The \$500 million expansion will bring the total length of the light rail system to 16.9 km. The project comprises:

- road works and infrastructure;
- 4.1 km of light rail from Circular Quay via Barangaroo to Haymarket, and
- 5.6 km of light rail from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill.

Ms Keneally said the light rail system would see six tram services each hour along the network. 'During peak times, light rail in Sydney could move up to 10,000 people a hour based on comparable networks in cities like San Francisco' she said. The consultation process for the proposed 24 km underground Western (Stage 2) Metro from Central to Westmead, featured on the front page of *Bulletin* 10/2009, will not proceed as the Government has stated that all metro proposals are beyond the scope of its current 10-year plan.

- Bruce Davis

Planning Matters

Planning Workshop

I attended this workshop at Sydney Mechanical School of Arts, which was intended to be an advanced workshop on the changes to the NSW Planning System for people with planning skills. Unfortunately, a potentially valuable workshop was marred by people without skills trying to muscle in with their own obsessions.

Hellenic Herald Building, 1-9 Glebe Point Road

Members may have noticed scaffolding around the upper part of this controversial site. Presumably the orders of the Court, to reduce the height of the lift shaft and cut back the pergola, will finally be carried out. Should this happen, it would be a wonderful outcome for a campaign the Society has waged for more than twenty years. I won't hold my breath. I can still hardly believe it!

Nicholas Dattner Warehouse, 41 Bridge Road

An internet marketing company has put in a proposal that is clearly an overdevelopment, and there have been a lot of objections from local residents and businesses, as well as the Society. The outcome will probably be known in March.

Orphan School Creek extension

In response to the request of members in the area, the Society has actively pursued the extension of this walkway to Parramatta Road. The City has a long term plan to connect it to walkways and

cycleways as far as Rosebery.

So far the news is positive. Council refused a residential development proposed to straddle the creek at Sparkes Lane, Camperdown. The Society has asked Council to open the walkway between Bridge Road and Larkin Park, which has been illegally closed. The Society has also asked Council to require a walkway along the creek alignment as part of the redevelopment of a factory at 12-14 Larkin Street. Perhaps all this will make up to a degree for the debacle over the pathway into the gully that soured relations with Council in the first half of 2009.

36 Eglinton Road

This application for the overdevelopment of a narrow semi has been refused.

Changes to Planning Laws

For several years the State Government has been making changes to the State's planning processes. The main thrust has been to remove planning decisions as far as possible from local government. This has been done by introducing codes for automatic approval, and also by setting up State Government appointed panels to deal with applications.

At least part of the reason for these changes has been to speed up the approval process so more dwellings can be built. This has not happened. Housing approvals are still at a very low level. Also, it becomes increasingly difficult to design codes as building lots become smaller, so large parts of Sydney are unaffected. Any kind of protected area, such as Conservation Areas like Glebe, also have to be exempt. However the main reasons for the failure of the Government's measures are probably economic.

Hence there remain differences of opinion about these kinds of changes. The view in the community depends very much on people's experience of local government. Certainly speed is not the only factor important in determining applications, and the Glebe Society has always supported keeping local planning powers with councils because these bodies are elected and accountable, however flawed they may be. I have always taken the view that the

remedy for poor decision making is in the hands of the electors, and if we don't like a council we can vote it out at the next election. This may be a bit clunky, but it least it is democratic and seems to produce the best result in the end. I am also influenced by recent experience, and while I don't agree with all the City's decisions (and I wouldn't expect to) I certainly prefer a situation where I can complain loudly to a meeting of councillors to one where I can't.

The other State Government changes have been to methods of dealing with larger and more controversial developments. Generally these have resulted in concentrating more powers in the hands of the Minister for Planning, either to make decisions directly, as under Section 3A, or by appointing officials who are compliant. Either way this is undemocratic and results in decisions favourable to the Government and its friends, and this tendency has attracted more trenchant criticism. Also, a number of key ministerial decisions have been overruled by the courts, reducing the credibility of the process.

I don't think there is much doubt that planning issues will play an important role in the next State election, and that if the present Government believes it is going to lose we will see attempts to push through major developments.

Barangaroo and the Bays

Both of these are good examples of what can happen when there is minimal consultation. Our President is doing a wonderful job trying to ensure the community has a say in what happens, but there is always the possibility the Government may simply decide to approve something and take the political consequences. Indeed, that has already happened with the Overseas Passenger Terminal, and may still happen with the so-called Metro line to Rozelle. It has also happened at Barangaroo (aka The Hungry Mile) where the most recent proposal results in filling in part of Darling Harbour to create a Dubai-style hotel. In my view these are both battles well worth fighting, but both require a lot of cooperation with other groups in order to stand a chance of success.

- Neil Macindoe

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Bird habitat destroyed

about systemic weaknesses in the management of the Park, and the failure to recognise the biodiversity of its plantings were discussed. The City agreed to develop a Management Plan for the Park, which will include the use of dedicated, properly supervised, contractors with Bushcare training. Citiwide agreed to replace the lost plants, with replanting to occur in the autumn.

- Andrew Wood

PayPal is here - a new way to pay

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The Society plans to extend PayPal payments to membership and other payments shortly.

- Bruce Davis
Treasurer

Earth v Sky

The third and last of the public art pieces commissioned by the City of Sydney for Glebe Point Road, *Earth v Sky*, is facing last-minute objections from some local residents and Councillors.

The proposed artwork involves lighting the fig tree at the end of Glebe Point Road with subtly changing colours which complement the colour of the western sky at dusk. The lighting will occur only at dusk, that is for a period of about 1½-2 hours.

Integral to the artist's vision for the work is a proposal to power the lighting by renewable energy – a small wind turbine to be located near the entrance to Johnston's Creek. It is an



A small, roof-mounted wind turbine.

innovative approach involving the development of new guidelines for feeding urban wind power into the grid.

The Glebe Society has supported the three pieces of art from the beginning (the other two are the Glebe Public School fence and the Wireless House sound sculpture). Members of our Arts and Media Sub-committee were part of the selection panel for the art submissions. The Society continues to support the implementation of *Earth v Sky*.

The objections focus mainly on the use of the small wind turbine and raise concern that it may pose a threat to birds and bats, in particular the fruit bats (flying foxes) that are attracted to the fig trees in the area.

The Glebe Society encourages Council to assess the proposal, and any concerns raised based on the best available evidence. As a fall-back position, we would support another form of renewable energy being used.

- Jan Macindoe



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It took some time, some work by our IT guru Peter Thorogood, and quite a lot of head scratching on my part, but eventually the new system is in place.

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Darwin, Fox, Larkum and Glebe

by Ian Edwards

Last year was the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the sesquicentenary of the publication of *The Origin of Species*. It was also the year of the publication of Tony Larkum's book *A Natural Calling: Life, Letters and Diaries of Charles Darwin and William Darwin Fox*.

Darwin's paternal grandfather was the physician and polymath Erasmus Darwin and his maternal grandfather the potter Josiah Wedgwood. Both families were fairly affluent so that when Charles married his second cousin Emma Wedgwood, even before he became famous as a writer he had the financial security which enabled him to devote himself to his career as a scientist.

Charles' grandfather Erasmus and father Robert were both successful medical practitioners so Charles was sent to Edinburgh University to study medicine. When it became obvious that medicine failed to interest him he was sent to Cambridge where it was hoped that he would earn an Arts degree and, after a further year's study of theology, be ordained as an Anglican priest.

One of his distinguished predecessors at Christ's College had been the Rev William Paley whose books were prescribed reading. In his *Natural Theology* (1802) he argued that anyone who found a watch and knew that it allowed one to tell the time would realise that it had been designed for this purpose and therefore had a designer. He argued that the universe shows evidence of design because it had been designed by God. Darwin was very much influenced by Paley and it took him a long time to realise that the results of evolution by the mechanism of natural selection can give the appearance of design. *The Origin of Species* could be regarded as Darwin's answer to Paley.

Darwin's second cousin William Fox was already at Cambridge with the intention of pursuing a career as a country vicar, an ambition which he fulfilled. From the moment they met Darwin and Fox became close friends. Fox encouraged Darwin's interest in collecting beetles and introduced him to the Reverend J S Henslow, then the professor of Botany. Henslow, in 1831, recommended him for the unpaid post of companion to

Robert Fitzroy, captain of HMS Beagle, on what was proposed to be a two year voyage to South America, the Pacific islands and Australia. In fact the voyage took five years but it gave Darwin the opportunity to make shore excursions and to study the geology, palaeontology, botany, zoology and anthropology of the countries he visited.

When he returned to England in 1836 he devoted himself to analysing the data he had brought back from his trip, becoming increasingly convinced that animal and plant species had evolved from earlier species that were now extinct. In 1838 he read the Reverend Thomas Malthus's *An Essay on the Principle of Population* in which Malthus had argued that population increase is exponential whereas the food supply increases only arithmetically, thus resulting in competition for the limited supply of food. Darwin recalled in his *Autobiography* that, given the struggle for existence everywhere, 'favourable variations would tend to be preserved and unfavourable ones to be destroyed... The result of this would be the formation of new species. Here then I had at last got a theory by which to work.'

It had been forty years since Malthus had published his essay and it had since gone into many editions so it seems strange that it took Darwin so long to start reading it, but what seems even stranger is that it was another twenty years before he published the theory which would make him famous. Who knows how much longer it would have taken him if he had not received, in June 1858, a letter from Alfred Wallace, a naturalist working in the Malay Archipelago? The letter enclosed a manuscript that virtually summarised Darwin's conclusions on evolution. It looked as though he might be scooped but his friends, Lyell, Hooker and Huxley saved the situation by arranging for the paper by Wallace to be read alongside one from Darwin to the Linnaean Society of London, in July 1858.

Before we accuse Darwin of cowardice for failing to publish earlier, there are some mitigating factors that need to be taken into consideration. At the time of his enrolment at Cambridge he had adhered to conventional Christian beliefs and the English were then strongly

evangelical in their religion. To have been openly critical of the literal truth of the version of the creation in Genesis could have exposed him to the risk of being prosecuted for blasphemy, the fate of the atheist Charles Bradlaugh. This would account for the fact that when, in 1859, he published *The Origin of Species* he wrote about breeding pigeons and as little as possible about the implications of his theory for the evolution of the human race. Also we need to give him credit for the conscientious way he gathered evidence and the need to be sure he could defend his thesis before exposing it to criticism. Finally, his family was very important to him. His wife remained a devout Christian to the end of her life.

Fox died in 1880 and Darwin in 1882. With the reluctant consent of his family, he was buried in Westminster Abbey, an honour which had been granted to the great Sir Isaac Newton. The pall bearers included Wallace, Huxley, Hooker, the Duke of Argyll, the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl of Derby and the president of the Royal Society.

The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life, to give it its full title, was the pioneering work on which all evolutionary biology was founded. As Alfred Russell Wallace wrote 'It will live as long as the Principia of Newton'.

The first edition of the book has been republished in Penguin Classics as has also his 1871 *Descent of Man*, which to a scientific layman is likely to be a much more interesting book.

Tony Larkum is a foundation member of the Glebe Society, the convenor of its Bays and Foreshores sub-committee and an emeritus professor of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Sydney. Under the auspices of the City U3A he ran a course on Darwin early last year and later in the year another course specifically on celebrating *The Origin of Species*. He was at Christ's College, Cambridge in 1981 when he was told that 155 letters from Charles Darwin to William Darwin Fox had been discovered in the library storeroom. The story of the painstaking research which led to the writing of his

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book is told in its preface. He traced Fox's descendants and eventually found one of them who had inherited some of Fox's diaries. Other diaries had found their way into libraries abroad but there was enough material to form the basis of a book which would shed light on the relationship between the cousins and especially on the life and work of Darwin. The letters from the Cambridge period are the major source of information on Darwin's life at Cambridge, showing that he led the life of a typical undergraduate, partying, horse racing and doing little study. The day-to-day diary of Fox, written just a year before, corroborates the letters and provides a fascinating mirror on the times.

Published by Springer in 2009, this is a scholarly book and a significant contribution to the study of Darwin's life and work. Its 517 pages include, as well as the narrative of the lives of Darwin and Fox, their correspondence which is meticulously footnoted, five appendices and family trees of the Darwins, Wedgwoods and Foxes. The Glebe Library was reluctant to buy a copy considering it too expensive at \$215, but agreed to do so because of the potential local interest. Fortunately I was able to borrow a copy from the Badham library at the University of Sydney.

It is a beautifully produced book. Tony first read Darwin at the age of thirteen so it could be called a life's work. It is certainly a labour of love and even if you have little interest in the details revealed by the letters and diaries, it is still worth reading for the light it sheds on the life and work of one of the intellectual giants of modern times.

- Ian Edwards

A Glebe moment

Saturday night. Another night of heavy rain, the atmosphere thick with dampness. Yet there is a wonderful aroma of perfumed smoke, an insistent beating of drums. It's Chinese New Year being celebrated at our local Sze Yup temple.

Kung Hei Fat Choy – may the Year of the Tiger be prosperous for all our members.

- Carole Herriman

Glebe People

Eric Sandblom 1933 - 2010



Eric Sandblom at last year's AGM. Photo: Phil Young

Eric Sandblom attended the inaugural meeting of the Glebe Society in 1969 and was one of our foundation members

At last year's Annual General Meeting, he was made an honorary life member of the Glebe Society, in recognition of his major contribution not only to the Glebe Society's planning activities but to town planning in the Leichhardt Municipality as a whole.

Sadly, Eric died of a heart attack at his home in Callala Bay on Sunday 21 February. We extend our sympathy to his family and to all those who knew him.

- Albert Mispel

See *Bulletin* 8/2009 for more details of Eric's busy life.

Robyn Lawrence OAM

We congratulate Robyn on her OAM in the New Year Honours' list. Robyn is well known as a local artist, but in addition has done sterling work in encouraging other local artists and young artists. It is more than ten years now since the first Glebe Art Show at the Glebe Library. From relatively small beginnings it has now developed into a major annual event with entries increasing each year. Robyn has been the driving force behind the Show, with all the work that this entails – from gathering paintings, drawings and photographs, to displaying and hanging them, organising sponsorship to cover a number of prizes each year, publicising the show, and organising staffing during the exhibition period. A well deserved award.

- Jeanette Knox

Liz Simpson-Booker retires

Liz Simpson-Booker became Secretary of the Glebe Society in 1999 so she has completed 10 years in this position and decided late last year that the time had come to retire.

Liz was Secretary during the reign of six Presidents: Bruce Davis, John Buckingham, Andrew Craig, Bob Armstrong, Jan Macindoe and currently Lesley Lynch.



Liz is pictured beside the palisade fence that runs along the northern side of Parramatta Road, opposite the University of Sydney. She is holding

ing a copy of *Bulletin* 4/2004 which contained an article about the fence's poor state of repair. Not only is the fence now restored to its former glory, the footbridge that links Forest Lodge and the university is now officially the Edmund Barton Footbridge.

Liz was awarded an honorary life membership of the Glebe Society at last year's Annual General Meeting.

Congratulations on all counts, Liz.

Photo and words: Bruce Davis

Berenice Buckley 1929-2010

Berenice Buckley, who was a member of the Glebe Society, was one of the founding members of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties when it was formed in 1963. She was a member of the CCL's Management Committee up until her death. Berenice inspired in others a passion for politics and social justice. To the last she was a strong advocate for those in society who were less fortunate or whose rights had been infringed. She is sadly missed by the many people who knew her.

- Susan Cleary

Getting to know new members

New to Glebe

New to Glebe and new to the Glebe Society are Virginia and Bill Simpson-Young who have moved to Glebe with their three children after previously living in Pennant Hills and Eastwood.

They had been looking for a suburb which would enable them to more easily engage with the many cultural and educational offerings in Sydney without the necessity of driving. They extol the benefits of Glebe – a sense of community, good public transport, good coffee, and plenty of places to eat – and they appreciate the fact that they can walk everywhere.

Like many terrace owners they are facing the prospect of renovation and extension - 'lots of work to do' - but they love their house and their location. In their view the opportunities for meeting one's neighbours and generally for neighbourliness are much greater in a suburb such as Glebe where people do not have to drive everywhere.

Before buying in Glebe they had seen a reference to the Blue Wren group in the community newspaper, and through that they became aware of the Glebe Society.

- Carole Herriman



Virginia and Bill Simpson-Young in Japan, January 2010.

96 Bridge Road - a photo stirs memories

There was an article in Bulletin 8/2009 about Gilda Jennings, a new member who was born in Glebe but is now living in Queensland. I wanted to find out more about No 96 Bridge Road, the old stone house where she lived for her first 20 years, but which was demolished in the 1960s, so we started an email correspondence. Lyn Collingwood told me about a photo in Max Solling's book Grandeur & Grit, which I sent to Gilda. Here is her excited response.

Hi Edwina,

Well, you are going to find this just too coincidental, but it is most definitely true!

The baby in the photo, David Kernohan, was a suitor of my eldest sister, Shirley Gray, who was 12 years older than me. Although I was only a kid, I remember him very well as he often called at our house for my sister. And I used to see him whenever we walked past his house which was just across Bridge Road and just a few houses up from Colbourne Avenue, which is on the corner of Bridge Road.

I always knew he was 'a lot older than my sister' as that fact was discussed in our family, but of course I never knew how much older. Seeing the photo you have sent and looking at the date on it as 1912 when he was a small baby, and with my sister being born in 1928, the age difference must have been about 16 years!

He lived in a two storey house, and I think his mother may still have been alive when I was little but she must have died, as I'm sure he eventually lived there alone. He was a 'businessman' and extremely good looking and always immaculately dressed! He was a bachelor and he was 'smitten' with my sister. I think she may have been about 19 years old when he first asked her to go out with him. She was not really keen to do so, possibly because of the age difference, but then he became her 'escort' to Balls and other functions and also to the Opera and Ballet that my sister adored. My sister was quite tall and beautiful and he was very tall and handsome, so they always made a wonderful looking couple. Of course when these occasions first began they



Caroline Kernohan and her father William Miller stand behind Granny Annie Miller holding six month old David Kernohan, 1912. Extended families like the Kernohans were commonplace in Glebe at the time.

From Max Solling's book *Grandeur and Grit*, page 23,

were with the permission of my father who gave it gladly as he very much approved of David and knew him, and would no doubt have known his family in prior years. Shirley and David would have shared this platonic (on my sister's part) relationship for quite a few years but unfortunately nothing ever eventuated from it, which I am sure David was aware of from the very start, although, my sister in later years did have regrets about David. As far as I know he never married, and neither did my sister until she was older.

Thank you so much again for the photo. I just cannot believe that I am looking at a baby who grew up to be the man who loved my sister

Warm regards,
Gilda

Postscript:

Max Solling knew David Kernohan well. He was the author of a long article about the Millers and their extended family in the first issue of the Leichhardt Historical Journal. Max told me that David never married and died in 1989.

Gilda says 'my dear sister Shirley died when she was just 52 years old. I was 39 at the time and even then I thought it was too young, but more so now that I am much older'.

Reports on Glebe events

Our 2009 Christmas Party



Members and guests, including our local MP Verity Firth, sit down to dinner in the Wentworth Park function centre. Pictures: Bruce Davis

With two guiding principles – that this should be a great bash for members to celebrate the end of the Society's 40th year and that there should be an emphasis on people mixing – the 40th Outreach Committee chaired by Anne Fraser with Shelagh Bott and Carole Herriman organised the 2009 Christmas Party at Wentworth Park on 11 December.

About 100 people came, and from all accounts we achieved our aims to have a great party.

After the main course, having been given the starting line for their limerick, tables worked on their rhymes to compete for the prize. Here is a sample of the skill displayed on the night:

*Twixt Rozelle Bay and Broadway
'Tis where the local hordes play
Where dodging the cars
And exploring the bars
Is much more exciting than foreplay.*



Margaret Sheppard and Noel Prosser trip the light fantastic.

The winners were chosen by the level of noise of appreciation, and were rewarded with Kinder Surprise eggs.

Two tickets to the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve party were auctioned by silent auction, and the winning bidder announced on the night.

Following dessert the more nimble, enthusiastic or just well-oiled got to their feet, primed the jukebox and danced.

Our thanks go to Phil Young for assistance with the sticky label photographs, Frank the limerick man for 'guidance' with the limerick form, Bruce Davis for taking photographs and the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, for the donation of tickets to the New Year's Eve party. We received inestimable support from Anne Lloyd the catering manager of Wentworth Park and her team, from the early days of planning to the final running of the evening.

Thank you to all who came, participated in the activities and contributed to a successful evening.

- Carole Herriman

Tiramisu and the Mixing Pot

On 4 February, 27 Thirsty Thursday diners at *The Mixing Pot*, as well as enjoying an excellent meal, celebrated the popularity of tiramisu. The coffee soaked sponge, covered with mascarpone, was invented in Treviso, a northern Italian town. In 1980, Giuseppe Zuzza became the proprietor and introduced tiramisu, or pick-me-up, as his signature dish.

Twenty years later, the Glebe Society commemorated the history of tiramisu by presenting a framed poster, designed by Bobbie Burke, to the present proprietor of *The Mixing Pot*, Gabriele Cesta.

Gabriele told us about the chain of Italian restaurateurs who have made *The Mixing Pot* so successful, happily passing it from owner to owner over the years.



Edwina Doe and Gabriele Cesta admire the new poster. Photo: Phil Young

Social commentator David Dale, who has written about tiramisu, is hoping that several members of the Italian restaurant community will be able to join him soon at *The Mixing Pot* for another unveiling of the poster.

- Edwina Doe

Glebe Public School Trivia Success

The Glebe Society congratulates Glebe Public School P&C on its successful Trivia Night and raffle, held on 4 December last year. Inspired by the Glebe Society's effort the previous year, the P&C organised a Trivia Night at the Glebe Rowing Club. The event was well attended by members of the school community and the broader Glebe community, including several members of the Glebe Society.

Teams got to know each other while sharing their knowledge, or possibly ignorance, on a wide range of topics, and generated a good deal of raucous good humour.

Karen Berzin, the P&C President, reported that the event raised \$2000 for the school, by far the most successful P&C event in 20 years.

- Jan Macindoe

Coming Glebe events

Community Open Day at Wentworth Park

The NSW Greyhound Breeders, Owners & Trainers Association (GBOTA) is holding an open day for the community on Sunday 21 March. *Entry will be free.* The first greyhound race will start around lunchtime.

It will be a good opportunity for members of the community to see greyhound racing and for those who haven't already, the Wentworth Park Complex.

The GBOTA are looking for expressions of interest from any community group who would be interested in fund raising on the day by having a stall, or



providing food (different types), or providing some entertainment, for example a dance troupe or school display.

If you are in this position, please contact Jeff Browne or Chris Mackay on 8737 5903 or 8737 5902 to register your interest.

Alternatively, if you just wish to see some great greyhound racing bring the family along. Food and drinks will be available at the venue.

Wentworth Park is one of Sydney's best kept secrets. Come along and see what this marvellous community venue has to offer. We are hoping it will be a great day for everyone.

- Jeff Browne
GBOTA
jeff@gbota.com.au

Open House at Lyndhurst

Sunday 18 April
2-4.30pm

Tim Eustace and family have kindly offered to open *Lyndhurst* on a Sunday in April for a visit and afternoon tea organised by the Glebe Society in association with the National Trust's Heritage Festival. Many Glebe Society members will recall the Christmas Party held at *Lyndhurst* in 2007.

Lyndhurst, in Darghan Street, is a grand Regency villa designed by colonial architect John Verge, built in the 1830s, saved from demolition in the late 1960s, used by the Historic Houses Trust as its headquarters until 2004, and now in private ownership and recently magnificently restored. *Lyndhurst* is on the State Heritage List

Book on the Glebe Society website for this visit and enjoy afternoon tea on the wide verandahs overlooking beautiful gardens. \$27 per person including afternoon tea.

- Dorothy Davis

Players in the Pub

These moved readings have proved so popular I have booked the venue well ahead of time. Planned are Tuesdays:

23 March: Actors Elaine Hudson, Emma Harris and Lyn Collingwood in a play about a lesbian couple and their daughter. Based on a true story. Directed by Nicholas Gledhill.

20 April: *The Third Secretary* by Ralph Peterson. Based on the Petrov affair.

4 May: *Now, Voyager*, a stage version of the Bette Davis classic film. Adapted and directed by Nicholas Papademetriou.

Presented by members and friends of Sydney's New Theatre, these are not static readings but theatrical presentations using minimal props and furniture.

Tuesdays at 7 pm in the upstairs Media Room (enter via Ferry Road stairs) Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road. Free admission. Two main meals for one on Tuesdays - orders from 5.30 pm.

- Lyn Collingwood

A Glebe walking tour - a Temple, a Chapel and Two Churches

Sunday 28 March, starting at 1.30pm

Did you know that Glebe's Chinese temple was built by immigrants from the province of Guangdong in 1898? Or that St Scholastica's Chapel is one of the finest acoustic venues in Sydney? Or that celebrated stained glass designers Ashwin and Radecki collaborated on the beautiful windows in St James's Church, Forest Lodge in the early 1900s? Or that Edmund Blacket, the architect famous for the University of Sydney Great Hall and Quadrangle, also designed St John's Bishopthorpe in Glebe Point Road 142 years ago?

Registration for the tour is 1.30pm at the Chinese Temple in Edward street. We will then visit St Scholastica's Chapel, St James's Church and St John's Bishopthorpe, finishing with afternoon tea from 4.15 to 5pm at the back of St John's Church. The cost is \$20 per person, including afternoon tea.

You can walk between venues or car pool. People who walk all the way can catch a bus back to the end of Glebe Point Road.

You can book using the enclosed form or on the Society's website.

- Edwina Doe

Community Forum

...for the communities around Glebe, Annandale, Forest Lodge and Camperdown.

Tuesday 2 March, 6pm to 8.15pm

Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road

6pm to 6.45pm: An opportunity to have your say to the Lord Mayor, Councillors, specialist City staff and the Local Area Command.

From 6.45pm:

- Restoring Glebe Town Hall
- The Glebe Community Safety plan
- What's happening at Wentworth Park
- Cycleways in your area.

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet 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 4 March we will go to *Flavour of India*, 142a Glebe Point Road (corner of Bridge Road).

On Thursday 1 April we will go to *Naggy's*, 333 Glebe Point Road.

And on Thursday 6 May we will have a Turkish meal at *The Cushion House*, 73 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 December and February Management Committee meetings:

- Alex Byrne
- Sue Hearn
- Michael Morrison
- Nilukshi and Indika Nanayakkara
- Keira Riley
- Bill and Virginia Simpson-Young and family

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

The Actors' Forum...

...presents a professionally performed reading, the first in its 2010 season -

Neil Simon's *I Ought to be in Pictures*

Directed by Ron Ferrier

Sunday, March 21st at 2pm

St. Andrew's Congregational Church Hall,

Cnr. Darling Street & Curtis Road, Balmain

Admission: \$20 (\$15 conc). Tickets on sale at door from 1pm.

Talking Heads At Toxteth

Thursday 25 March, 2010 at 6 for 6.30 pm
Upstairs function room of the Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

Watch out Women, Abbott's About

With Meredith Burgmann, Larissa Behrendt, Eva Cox, Tanya Plibersek and John Derum

Donation: \$10/ \$5 for Benefits recipients, full-time students, unwaged

Join us for dinner after for a 'buy one get one free' meal deal - dinner reservations essential

Inquiries and dinner reservations: katebarton3@optusnet.com.au or 9518 5560.

An Adelaide Adventure with Maureen Fry

Wednesday, October 20 to

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Make your own way to Adelaide to meet Maureen at our 4½ star Hotel Grand Chancellor. Meet for drinks at the Hotel before dining there. Over the following days there will be tours of Adelaide City, The Adelaide Hills and Hahndorf, the Fleurieu Peninsular, the Barossa Valley and its wineries and the Clare Valley and its wineries.

There will be a coach and driver and guide (Maureen) for all tours.

Cost is \$1560 (single supplement \$600). Included in the cost are seven nights' accommodation with full breakfasts, dinner in hotel restaurant two nights, drinks before dinner on the first night, six lunches, morning teas and coffees, entrance fees, coach, driver and guide for all excursions.

Glebe Society member Maureen Fry is a long time resident of Glebe and has been conducting historic tours of Sydney for over 20 years. She has written two books on city walks. Google Maureen Fry walks.

For full details and itinerary of the Adelaide tour phone 9660 7157 or email mpfry@ozemail.com.au.

Justice of the Peace

Glebe Society member Phil Young, Justice of the Peace, is available to witness documents etc (no fee).
Call 9692 9583.

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

Sunday 21 March – Free Open Day at Wentworth Park. See page 10.

Tuesday 23 March, 7 pm – Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See Page 11.

Sunday 28 March, meet 1.30pm - A Temple, a Chapel and Two Churches, starting at the Sze Yup Temple in Edward Street. See page 11 and booking form.

Thursday 1 April, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - *Naggy's*, 333 Glebe Point Road.

Wednesday 14 April, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Sunday 18 April, 2-4.30pm - Open House at *Lyndhurst*, Darghan Street. See page 11.

Tuesday 20 April, 7pm - Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See Page 11.

Tuesday 4 May, 7pm - Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See Page 11.

Thursday 6 May, 7pm - Thirsty Thursday - *The Cushion House*, 73 Glebe Point Road.

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

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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@glebe.society.org.au

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The deadline for contributions is Wednesday 17 March.

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