



### 'Affordable' housing project

# Good theory, lousy proposal

The Glebe Society supports more affordable housing in principle, and has succeeded in having affordable housing included in the Harold Park redevelopment. However, the current Glebe Affordable Housing Project is seriously deficient and is likely to bring other projects into disrepute. Perhaps because the site is on the edge of Glebe (Elger and Bay Streets), the proposal has attracted relatively few objections.



The site has been cleared and awaits the construction team - view from Elger Street looking north towards the old high-rise flats at the bottom of St Johns Road. Photo Bruce Davis.

### Lodging an objection

We are asking members of the Society to lodge objections. The Society's objection is published on the next page, and you may wish to use some of the points raised. In summary, the main points are:

- incompatibility with the surrounding area;
- adverse impact on the Conservation Area and heritage items;
- inadequate setbacks from the street;
- lack of open space;
- excessive height and density;
- overlooking and lack of privacy ;
- inadequate environmental controls;
- poor solar access;
- inequitable parking; and
- limited public transport.

To access the application, go to [www.cityof-sydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityof-sydney.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links for Development - Development Applications on Exhibition - Glebe.

Objections to D/2011/1245 1-23 and 2-6 Elger Street and 83 Bay Street should be sent to [dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) before 15 September. Copies may be sent to the Lord Mayor and Councillors if you wish.

- Liz Simpson-Booker



Map showing the location of the 'affordable' housing project.

## What's coming soon

**Sunday 28 August, 11am at Benledi** – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting. Hear a talk by the City historian Lisa Murray and have a glass of wine with friends when the formalities conclude. Everyone welcome. See page 8.

**Sunday 4 September, 9 - 11am.** - Tree Planting at Minogue Crescent and Lew Hoad Reserve. See page 10.

**Wednesday 7 September, 2pm at Benledi** - City Plan Meeting. See page 3.

## The City Plan and you

The new town plan for the City of Sydney local government area has significant implications for residents and property owners in Glebe. Planning convenor Neil Macindoe has arranged for an update meeting on the plan for Society members at **2pm on Wednesday, 7 September** in *Benledi*, the community room next to Glebe Library. While this time will not suit everyone, there were limited options available and the meeting will be reported in the next *Bulletin*. Read more about the City Plan in Neil's planning report on page 3.

# 'Affordable' housing project

## Introduction

The Society has already commented on a number of aspects of this proposal in relation to the rezoning application that has not yet been gazetted. However, because this application is accompanied by a more detailed report we will give a more detailed response.

There were amendments to the Affordable Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) on 20 May, 2011, which would apply to this proposal. These amendments include a Local Character Test. The Society believes the current proposal fails this test on a number of grounds, including height, density, heritage and parking, and as such it should not proceed.

Also, we raise the issue of whether this type of Project is appropriate. There is a need for more affordable rental housing in the inner city, and there is also merit in the idea of mixing housing for different groups, so that, for example, similar problems are not all concentrated in the one area, as tends to happen with the Glebe Estate.

## Use of public land

However, this entire site is public land, transferred to the NSW Housing Commission in 1949. This proposal is financed by the sale of half the site for market housing, and of a further large section for affordable housing. The increase in the number of social/public dwellings is slight. This is one consequence of the failure of the original proposal to proceed, where a much larger area, the City's Bay Street Depot, would have been available for housing for the first time. It is arguable the present proposal is not the best use of public land.

The report states that without the sale of land for market housing there will not be enough money for the Project to proceed. This suggests money for affordable/social housing without selling land is not available, and this is not the case.

## Excessive height and density

There is also another consequence. In order to qualify for the 0.49:1 bonus floor space ratio (FSR) for public housing, the amount of public/affordable housing has to equal the amount of

market housing. This results in a very high density and an FSR of 2.39:1, far higher than in any part of Glebe, or even Ultimo, and this in turn results in buildings that range up to ten storeys, again far higher than any in the surrounding areas. The proposed number of occupants is a huge and unprecedented increase in population in an area that already has a range of health and social problems.

## Adverse impact on the Conservation Area and heritage items

The site itself does not contain buildings of Heritage value (although it does contain at least one element that should be conserved; the foundation stone laid by



Letter boxes are all that remain on this part of the site. Photo: Bruce Davis

Elizabeth Evatt in 1953). However, it immediately abuts a Conservation Area at Cowper Street, where there are also Heritage Items. There are also large numbers of Heritage Items within a short distance in both Glebe and Ultimo. The height and density of the proposal is far too great not to have a detrimental impact on both the Conservation Area and the Heritage Items. Moreover, these areas are leafy, with well established vegetation, front gardens and substantial setbacks.

At the very least this proposal should establish a transition zone at the Conservation Area interface, with reduced building heights, substantial plantings and far greater setbacks. This is likely to reduce the number of dwellings.

## Overlooking and lack of privacy

The excessive height and density of the proposal also has adverse consequences for the proposed inhabitants and those nearby, including all the disadvantages of high-rise living. These include overshadowing, especially of the rear of adjacent properties in Queen Street, and of the meagre open space provided,

overlooking, inadequate privacy, poor solar access, adverse wind effects and excessive noise. Moreover, such open views as there are would be limited to the higher floors of the market housing. Common areas appear to consist of one community room for the social housing, and one small park of 474 m<sup>2</sup> fronting Elger Street, which is crossed by a driveway.

There needs to be more attention to environmental issues generally, to at least the standard generally required for other development sites in the City, as well as greater consideration of the varying needs of the proposed residents, especially to encourage social mixing and provide facilities and support for those with special problems.

## Parking

Parking is also almost entirely limited to the market housing. In this, as in other matters, there is serious discrimination and inequality, and where this exists, it should be redressed. The report also claims the site has good access to public transport. However, there is only one bus route nearby, the 449, which runs only on weekdays to very limited destinations. As the report also states the social housing is largely for the elderly and disabled, the distance from more regular and useful public transport is a significant issue.

## Conclusions

There is a need to produce models that combine different types of housing that will be acceptable and attractive to the wider community. This proposal is unacceptable and seriously defective. It will not encourage the adoption of mixed models of housing: it will cause people to turn away and think such worthwhile goals cannot be achieved.

For these reasons, and because the proposal fails the Local Character Test of the amended SEPP, the Society believes this proposal should be refused. However, the Society supports the provision of affordable housing, as can be seen in its response to other proposals, such as the redevelopment of Harold Park. The Society would welcome a different proposal that included affordable housing but was compatible with the surrounding area and the City's Plan.

# Planning Matters

## City Plan Meeting

On 12 August I attended an information update on the City Plan at Pyrmont. Naturally it had a Pyrmont focus, but it was an opportunity to hear how matters were progressing. The meeting was run by City planners, but a number of NSW Department of Planning staff also attended and answered questions.

The Minister has requested a review of the templates that have caused so much concern among resident groups. This is in addition to the review of the Environmental Assessment and Planning Act, which will take place over the next eighteen months. In the meantime negotiations are continuing, and because of the City's unique status there have been some successes. In particular, public access to the foreshore has been reinstated as a major objective.

There continue to be concerns, not only about the templates and their impact on the Plan, but also about the Department's control of significant areas, such as some parkland and foreshore, that are under State-controlled plans and excluded from the City's. The view of the meeting, with which I heartily concur, was that where possible all such areas should be brought under the same City Plan.

I have arranged for an update meeting on the City Plan for Society Members to be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 7 September in *Benledi*, the community room

next to Glebe Library. I realise this time will not suit everyone, but there were limited options and the meeting will be reported in the *Bulletin*.

## Harold Park

Demolition has been approved, and work has begun. We expect it will take more than a year. Surrounding residents have received pamphlets outlining the process and giving a hotline for complaints (02 9080 8588). The next step will be a Masterplan for construction, and this will no doubt spark a lot of debate. There is no date set for advertising it, but it is likely to be quite soon.

Mirvac has employed the historian Susan Marsden to write a history of Harold Park and the Tramsheds, and when published it will be generally available. Several members of the Society, including Max Solling and myself, have made substantial contributions.

Members please note that the trucks currently rumbling through the Toxteth Estate are carrying excavated soil from the underground car park currently under construction at the rear of St Scholastica's.

## Sites in Glebe Point Road

As these are all fairly similar I will deal with them together. Members were disturbed when the roof of Bogart's Restaurant at 199, next to the Common-

wealth Bank, was removed, reportedly because of termite damage. This put Bogart's in the same position as Cafe Otto (79), which had to be rebuilt because of a fire. The Society has argued that the same requirement, to rebuild them so they appear as they were before, should apply to both. We have also argued that there should not be structures in the front gardens of Cafe Otto or the adjacent cottage-restaurant that obscure the heritage facades.

During the recent strong winds I had to report that the under-awning sign for Bogart's had collapsed. Generally the modern signs are themselves quite light, being aluminium and plastic, and corrosion is not usually a problem. However, the awnings and their attachments, at least the cantilevered ones, are generally steel, and in some cases are reaching the end of their lives, being much older than the signs themselves. The City has caused a number of awnings to be replaced as a result of the coroner's findings on the collapse in Balgowlah, which members of the Society heard in court last year. If you notice either an awning or a sign that seems to you unsafe do not hesitate to report it.

A proposal to extend *Gleebooks* (49) and improve its safety has been approved, and we hope the severe challenges from on-line ordering and e-books, outlined by David Gaunt in his recent talk, do not delay these welcome changes too long.

- Neil Macindoe



Mirvac boasts of apartments and terraces with 'open space and culture' where once the punters cheered on the likes of *Hondo Grattan* and *Paleface Adios* in the Miracle Mile.

Photo: Bruce Davis

# Street Tree Master Plan

The City of Sydney draft Street Tree Master Plan is on exhibition until 12 September and residents are invited to give their feedback. The Plan is available online through the City's website, though most people will find it easier to work with a hard copy, available at Glebe Library. The Master Plan will provide the blueprint for the City's intention to increase tree canopy coverage across the city by 50%, a goal that we applaud. An increase in tree planting has the potential to enhance the city and residential areas aesthetically, and also bring a range of environmental benefits.

The Plan includes detailed Precinct Plans (four precinct plans cover the Glebe/Forest Lodge area) showing the proposed species to be planted in each street. Photos of each species are included in the appendix.

The Glebe Society welcomes the inclusion in the precinct objectives for the Glebe areas a statement that:

*Where appropriate, consideration will be given to planting trees which provide a connection between open space or other vegetated areas to assist in the movement of wildlife (fauna and birdlife) between those areas.*

However, we remain concerned that the impact of some fruiting trees, which

encourage large birds at the expense of smaller birds, is not taken into consideration. Over the past few years the bird population of the inner city has shifted, with fewer small birds observed and more of the larger birds such as Currawongs, Common Mynah and Little Corellas. This is a difficult balance to influence, but the effect of tree planting needs to be carefully considered as a factor in this change.

The introduction to the Plan provides the assurance that:

*Existing trees will normally be left to grow for their natural life and they will only be removed once they have become a safety issue and an unacceptable hazard.*

So, although there is unlikely to be rapid change in the tree planting in our streets, Glebe Society members are encouraged to look at the plan to see what tree species is recommended for their street. Especially those living in narrower streets may wish to argue for a more customised approach to tree selection to reflect the intimate nature of the setting. You and your neighbours need to be committed to caring for the trees that are planted close to you, and having your say in the selection of the trees is the first step in that process.

- Jan Macindoe

# New Year concerts on Glebe Island

The NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure has circulated to many potentially affected residents details of a development application by Sydney Resolutions Pty Ltd for two concerts to take place on 31 December 2011 to 1 January 2012 and on 3 January 2012. Over 40,000 people are expected to attend each concert.

Whilst Pyrmont and Balmain residents may potentially be more affected by noise, the stage and sound system will be at the eastern end of the site, facing southwest. A temporary helicopter landing area is also being proposed, along with site preparation from 17 December (building of grandstands, erection of stalls, rehearsals, etc) and dismantling of same.

The Glebe Society will be examining the DA carefully and lodging a submission. Our initial assessment is that the proposed noise levels leave much to be desired.

Individual members who believe they may be affected should also review the DA and make submissions by 31 August 2011.

Information about the DA (032007-2011) can be found at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au). Follow the links to major projects on exhibition.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

# New Plans for Bicentennial Park Precinct

Council recently agreed to the preparation of a master planning study to look at opportunities for land around Bicentennial Park and endorsed improvements to the children's playground in Jubilee Park.

Building on previous work to create a network of green spaces along the foreshore at Glebe - Bicentennial and Jubilee Parks - are part of a corridor of parks and greenery at Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

Preparation of a master plan for Bicentennial Park means we can explore options for the future use of disused land near Harold Park as well as Council owned land adjacent to The Crescent, in conjunction with existing parklands and future open space at Harold Park.

More than one third of land at Harold Park - or 3.8 hectares - will be dedicat-

ed as public open space and the master planning study means a range of future uses can be considered. Once complete the draft master plan will be made available for public comment and feedback.

Work to improve the children's playground in Jubilee Park will create another exciting space for children to learn, play and explore. It will cater for children aged 2 to 12 and include swings, a slide, a sand pit, nature mound with logs, planks and twig paths, a boardwalk with climbing ropes, a tree platform as well as a picnic shelter, seating and new trees and shrubs. The existing spinning carousel - one of few remaining carousels in Sydney - will be retained and restored.

Together this work builds on the City's long-term goal to provide a continuous foreshore path and series of open

spaces between Annandale and Glebe. The already popular network connects 17 hectares of parks and open spaces with the final stage - connecting Bridge Road to the foreshore path behind the Blackwattle Bay Campus of Sydney Secondary College being negotiated with the Department of Education.

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Kids playing in Jubilee Park.  
Photo: Bruce Davis.



# Reports to the AGM



Annual reports from Sub-committee convenors appear in Bulletins 5, 6 and 7/2011. Please bring these Bulletins with you when you come to the AGM on 28 August.

## Traffic Sub-committee

### Kerb Re-alignments in Glebe Point Road

In April 2011 the City of Sydney Council proposed several extensions to the kerbs in Glebe Point Road north of Hereford Street. The purpose of these extensions was mostly associated with traffic and pedestrian control. The Glebe Point Residents' Group and several Glebe Society members formally and informally objected to the extensions proposed at Wigram Road. The City of Sydney Council has since dropped any intention of implementing their proposals for the Wigram Road intersections. We understand that the other extensions are probably still under consideration.

### Bicycle Paths

Early last year the City of Sydney Council proposed a scheme for bicycle paths in Glebe. The main formal two-way path, separated from car and truck traffic, was proposed for the south east side of St Johns Road. The Glebe Society submitted several comments on the proposals. These comments included pointing out that the path could potentially damage the business of some of the small commercial operations in St Johns Road that were at least partly dependent on cars being able to park at or near their premises. Our suggestions included a proposal that Council should consider taking the path up Mitchell Street and Katherine Street instead. We understand that the route is still under consideration by the City of Sydney Council.

### Heritage Trams Stored in the Rozelle Tram Depot

A Council sponsored working party meets moderately regularly at the Sydney Town Hall to manage these trams and the Glebe Society is represented at these meetings. As at Wednesday 10 August 2011, the status of these trams and main matters of interest to the Glebe Society are outlined as follows:

- The Sydney City Council formally

endorsed the planning controls proposed for the trams in February 2011. There are six trams altogether, with four of them listed as heritage items.

- Tram No 1995 is nominated in the LEP as an item of 'high significance' with the intention that it should stay on site at the tram sheds as a static display, due to its significance to Rozelle and the wider tramway network. This was the very last tram to operate on the tramway network (to La Perouse) and was used in the light rail sod turning in 1995.
- Over the last few months, while the tram shed property has been in the process of being transferred to Mirvac, all trams have suffered serious deterioration as a result of vandalism and the poor condition of the building allowing weather to enter. By far the most serious damage has been caused by vandalism.
- Now that Mirvac owns the property, it has taken strict precautions to secure the property and has a security guard on site 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. There are some concerns about the structural integrity of parts of the building, due to its poor condition. Access is therefore tightly controlled.
- All trams except Tram No 2050 belong to the Sydney Tramway Museum (STM). The STM indicates that it intends to donate Tram No 1995 to Mirvac for retention on the site. Tram No 2050 belongs to the Harness Racing Club which, we understand, intends to donate it to one of the interested parties, probably the STM.
- Tram No 1923 is also nominated in the LEP for the whole development as an item of 'high significance', with the intention that it should possibly be fully restored and used on the existing and future tramway network for tourism and promotional purposes. However, funding for this major task is not yet available. There was some talk

of obtaining sponsorship to do this but this is in its very early stages. The representatives of the STM are quite enthusiastic about this tram and the objective of fully restoring it.

- Tram No 1993 is apparently in the worst condition and the intention is that it will be used as a 'community shed' in Woolloomooloo. It has already been used as a workshop and comes with no furniture and an open plan.
- It is crucial and increasingly urgent that all trams be moved to safe storage very soon as Mirvac wants to proceed with the building's development. Council intends to go to tender soon on finding the right temporary accommodation for them and their parts.
- Because of the major damage to the trams, the STM reports that they will be very difficult to restore and it will be a slow process.

- Andrew Craig  
Convenor, Transport  
and Traffic Sub-committee

## Event Coordination

The theme for our social activities in 2010 and 2011, 'Knowing your local neighbourhood', provided the opportunity for many unusual events, from attending an inquest at the Coroner's Court in Glebe, to learning about the local bays and our working harbour on board the *Waratah*, to discovering a bookbinding enterprise in one of Glebe's lanes. Each of these activities exposed Glebe Society members to unknown aspects of Glebe, a rich canvas which will never fail to provide new experiences.

The 2010/2011 program included:

- A fascinating information session at the Coroner's Court (unfortunately not to be repeated this year due to the Court's cut-back on staff resources for public awareness programs) followed by lunch at *Café Deus ex Machinas* in Camperdown.

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- Three cruises on the Sydney Heritage Fleet's historic steamer *Waratah*, one in October, and two in April as part of the National Trust heritage festival, with John Brooks, convenor of Blackwattle Cove Coalition, providing a most informative commentary.
- A walking tour of small artisan businesses in Glebe including a bookbinder, floral designer, stencil gallery, artist workshops and a specialist garden bookstore.
- The launch of the Glebe Walks website and several guided walking tours of Glebe.

The 2010 Christmas party was held at the Chinese restaurant at the Sydney Fish Market, a noisy but popular venue, with an expansive banquet and a theme based on the Chinese zodiac signs. Once again, three donated raffle prizes including tickets to the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Party, generated funds for the Society's local community projects. The Glebe Society's events program combines social, educational and heritage aspects – mostly associated with food, drinks and conversation! – and plays an important role in extending the Glebe network. The coming year will continue to offer Thirsty Thursday dinners, walks, tastings, talks etc. There will also be a focus on another great (and often unknown) Glebe resource – its people, with a series of lunchtime speakers from Glebe or close by, followed by discussion and conversation.

We are looking for members who would like to participate in the organisation of the Events program – on a regular basis, or just occasionally.

- Dorothy Davis  
events@glebesociety.org.au

## History of the Glebe Society

For various reasons I have suspended my work on the History. The short history that was issued for the Society's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary proved ideal as an overview of our achievements and I have been of the opinion for some

time that rather than a printed work, our history might be better available now in electronic format.

A group is looking at our website with particular reference to information about our history and the suburb's heritage. I hope to return to my own compilation before too long in a format that will fit in with this revision of the website.

- Jeanette Knox

### Bays and Foreshores

## A year when most things didn't happen

This year it is probably more pertinent to ask what didn't happen around The Bays rather than what did.

The Fish Market hasn't been upgraded, the Blackwattle Bay wharves remain their dilapidated selves, the Heritage Fleet has not moved to Pyrmont Point, and the Bays Precinct planning process needs a bomb put under it. I suppose there are also some positive things that haven't happened – for example the dry boat storage hasn't yet been built.

And to be fair, some positive things have occurred. The incremental improvements to Wentworth Park continue, a little bit more foreshore walk has been added at the Glebe Rowing Club, and we organised some very successful cruises around The Bays.

Most issues concerning the Bays Precinct have been well covered in the *Bulletin*, so this report is confined to a summary of the main issues.

**The Bays Precinct.** Things began on a high with a public meeting in July which threw its weight behind the report prepared by a coalition of community groups which had convinced the Government that 'the people' should have a real say in the future planning of the Bays Precinct. As has been written many times, the Bays Precinct is 'bigger than *Barangaroo*', and it is important to the whole of Sydney – not just Glebe – that its future is planned cohesively and professionally. The report presented practical guidelines to achieve this, but it almost sank out of sight just before the election. Following the election the new government committed to include

a community representative in the next stage of the planning process, so we can do little more than hold our breath and hope.

**The Heritage Fleet.** The proposed move of the Sydney Heritage Fleet from Rozelle Bay to Pyrmont Point was not well received by local residents, and is now on hold as the chosen site is being used temporarily as a works depot for maintenance of the Anzac Bridge.

**The Fish Market.** One of the big disappointments of the year was the collapse of plans to renovate the Sydney Fish Market. The modest plan which had eventually been agreed was predicated on equal financial contributions from the Fish Market company and the State Government. Now that the private money is not forthcoming it is likely that any work in the foreseeable future will be confined to essential repairs.

**The Blackwattle Bay wharves.** The preferred developer for the sites known as B1 and B2 has still not submitted a development application, and the wharves remain as unsightly as ever. The coal bunker adjacent to the Fish Market is also a mess, but at least the lessee has promised NSW Maritime that it will tidy up the site.

**The super yacht marina.** Plans had been lodged for a further development of the super yacht marina in Rozelle Bay. The development is best described as a 'mini-Darling Harbour', and the proposal that live music should be permitted into the small hours of the morning would mean many sleepless nights for residents of Glebe Point. **The dry boat storage.** Although the development application has been extended no substantial work has yet begun.

Turning now to positive outcomes:

**Wentworth Park.** The improvements to the eastern frontage of the park were completed during the year, and plans are now well advanced to upgrade the northern section. To celebrate this achievement the Blackwattle Cove Coalition organised a function in February which it called 'Underneath the Arches'; unfortunately it became 'underneath the grandstand' when poor weather drove us indoors. The Wentworth Park

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# Palm Trees and Coastal Saltmarsh

There was considerable alarm amongst some local residents when they noticed signs announcing the proposed removal by Council of three palm trees on the Glebe side of Johnstons Canal. The purpose of the removal was to enhance endangered Coastal Saltmarsh<sup>1</sup> habitat. This is clearly a worthy aim which we all support, but many locals were unconvinced that removing the three palm trees was needed to achieve this aim.

However, as this is an issue requiring special expertise, Tony Larkum enlisted the help of Paul Adam, Associate Professor in Plant Ecology (retired), University of NSW, the acknowledged expert on saltmarsh in NSW. Paul Adam's advice included the critical points:

*Certainly one would not support retention of date palms invading into existing saltmarsh – and I can think of several locations (not in the City of Sydney) where this is occurring. However, in the case of establishing new saltmarsh it may be possible to contemplate retention of palms, with saltmarsh in between. I am not sure how, other than physically occupying a space which might otherwise be saltmarsh, date palms would compete with or inhibit the establishment of saltmarsh nearby.*

*Palms do not have extensive root systems, nor do they have spreading canopies. As far as I know they are not allelopathic<sup>2</sup>. It could be that Council is aware of evidence of adverse effects*



Palm trees and saltmarsh. Photo: Chris Newton

*of palms, but if this is so I would like to see it.*

On the basis of this advice we wrote to Katie Oxenham, Manager of Urban Ecology for the City of Sydney, asking Council to suspend the proposed tree removal (planned for 15 August or thereafter), consult with the community and investigate options for retaining the palm trees while enhancing the saltmarsh plant community.

Further discussions within Council seem to have occurred quite promptly, and we have been informed that the palms will now be retained. Obviously, this is a satisfying result.

In addition, a number of interesting insights emerged in the course of the to-and-fro discussion. For one thing, the palm trees (*Phoenix canariensis*) that line the canal, though consistent with the early planting in Jubilee Park, are most probably self-sown, and definitely

were not planted at the same time as the avenue of palms, which dates from 1906. An aerial photograph taken in 1943, provided by Katie Oxenham, clearly shows that there were no palms along the canal at that date, while other plantings in Jubilee Park were well established.

It is also interesting to learn that the saltmarsh that exists along Johnstons Canal is naturally occurring, and was identified as an existing saltmarsh by the Department of Primary Industries in 2007, and again earlier this year by the Australian Museum. According to the Department of Environment and Conservation website, Coastal Saltmarsh 'occurs in the intertidal zone on the shores of estuaries and lagoons that are permanently or intermittently open to the sea' and is home to a variety of salt-tolerant plants. Katie Oxenham noted:

*As I'm sure you're aware, Coastal Saltmarsh is listed as endangered under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 and is therefore considered a priority for conservation (particularly since it is the only endangered ecological community that occurs in this LGA). From a biodiversity conservation perspective it is considered that every effort should be made to maximise its extent and improve its condition.*

However, Katie also said:

*Nevertheless, I agree it would be possible to retain the palms and still improve saltmarsh coverage - the patchiness of which is almost certainly mainly due to limited topsoil nutrients, topsoil compaction and trampling.*

Next time you are walking in Bicentennial Park, look closely at the vegetation along Johnston's Canal – maintaining the appropriate balance between trees characteristic of our Victorian heritage and naturally occurring plant communities struggling to maintain a hold in this highly urban environment is no easy task.

- Jan Macindoe

## Editor's note

<sup>1</sup> Saltmarsh – land liable to be flooded with salt water

<sup>2</sup> Allelopathy – an adverse influence exerted either by one individual plant on another by the production of a chemical inhibitor, or by one strain over another within a species

- Bruce Davis

- Chambers Dictionary

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Community Games were once again held on the central portion of the park, and as usual family dogs scampering along the greyhound track were the star attraction.

**Bays cruises.** Following a successful cruise around The Bays for Glebe Society members, David Mander-Jones organised two further expeditions as part of the National Trust Heritage Week. After nearly giving the Treasurer a heart attack both cruises were sold out - a great success!

**The Foreshore Walk.** NSW Maritime has installed a pontoon at the Glebe Rowing Club which will eventually become part of the Foreshore Walk. Sydney City Council has allocated \$2.6

million for construction of the section to Bridge Road which is scheduled to begin in 2013.

*The Glebe Society's Bays and Foreshores activities are spread among a number of people. Many issues are dealt with by the Blackwattle Cove Coalition of which the Society is a founding member; the group that was formed to carry out the community consultation on the Bays Precinct's future, which included past-president Lesley Lynch, performed the heavy lifting with regard to long-term issues; and an informal grouping of members living around Glebe Point took up the cudgels on a number of other matters, particularly the proposed development of the super yacht marina.*



# Who lived in your street?

Lyn Collingwood was browsing the Net when she came across Thelma Forshaw's connection with Glebe. The author is mentioned on Glebenet ([www.glebesydney.com/people](http://www.glebesydney.com/people)).

## Thelma Honora Forshaw (1923 – 95)

'The dogs were racing at Harold Park when they told us the gladiator was dead. He had had a bet on Sweet and Lovely, which came home at ten to one. He didn't.'

Thelma Forshaw's fiction drew on her personal memories, including the death of her father a week after her eleventh birthday when the family was living at 215 Johnston Street, Annandale, 'within cooe of Harold Park'. She remembered 'the open-neck sport-shirts; the breath relaxingly beery; the entrance-fee sweaty within the fist' and the roar of the crowd. 'Like the surf it thundered, with aspirates huffing and sibilants hissing through it. The vast sigh of collective ecstasy. Or the giant groan of collective dismay. And triumph roaring upward through the funnels of a thousand throats. Our people at play.'\*

'Thelmy' Forshaw (her birthplace was said to be Glebe Point) was born on 1 August 1923 to Leslie Alfred Forshaw (1901-35) and Mary Winifred Burke (1889-1949) who married at Annandale that year. Leslie was Baptist, a labourer who boxed; Mary was Catholic and 12 years his senior. In her stories Thelma depicted the marriage, which produced two other children Walter and Leslie, as unhappy. 'Now my mother was safe' she noted after her father's death. The family then went to live with relatives at 115 Albion Street, Annandale.

Forshaw was educated at State and



Catholic schools including St Michael's Stanmore and St Fiacre's Leichhardt, and at Sydney Teachers' College. After serving in the WAAF she had a variety of postwar jobs: secretary, waitress, button-carder, guesthouse hostess and publicity officer for the Far West Children's Health Project. She began writing short stories. The first of these were published in the *Australia Week-end Book* in 1944 and 1945. In 1948 she married Viennese-born George Korting.

Under the guidance of literary editor H G Kippax (whose 'Olympian benevolence' she couldn't emulate, being a 'bit of a nark') Forshaw reviewed books for the *Sydney Morning Herald*. She wrote also for *The Bulletin*, *Nation*, *Meanjin*, *Southerly* and the *Age* and the *Australian*. During the 1970s her

stories appeared regularly in *Quadrant*. The largely autobiographical *An Affair of Clowns* was a publishing success but lost her the affection and trust of her mother's family. By the 1980s, labelled a 'slanderer', unhappy in her marriage and short of money, Forshaw tried, without success, to write for the Mills and Boon market and to revive her career as a book reviewer. *Love Life of a Boozer*, a reworking of her *Clowns* collection, was not published. She died on 8 October 1995.

Thelma's mother Mary Forshaw died at home 99 Hereford Street Forest Lodge on 20 May 1949 and was buried in the Catholic section of Rookwood Cemetery alongside her parents Honora (ca 1861-1931) and Patrick (ca 1854-1931) Burke.

- Lyn Collingwood

\* Extracts from 'The Widow' in *An Affair of Clowns*. Other quotes are from her correspondence with H G Kippax and book editor Beatrice Davis.

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## Join us at the AGM to celebrate our quiet achievers

Our AGM, besides the procedural stuff, will be a celebration of the contribution by a number of people to Glebe and the Glebe Society. Commendations will be presented to Anne Fraser, Dr John Gerofi and Jan Wilson. Honorary Life Membership will be presented to Jan Macindoe and Tony Strachan. In the latter case the award was announced in 2010 but Tony was unable to be present to receive it at last year's AGM.

Our guest speaker will be the City of Sydney Historian, Dr Lisa Murray, who will talk on 'Local history - making connections in the digital age'.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Lisa's talk and there will be plenty of time to chat.

Please join us on **Sunday 28 August 2011 at 11am** at *Benledi*, 186 Glebe Point Road (next to Glebe Library).

- Liz Simpson-Booker



# The Sydney Alliance foundation meeting

The Sydney Alliance is a coalition of three types of organisations: unions, local communities, and faith communities. The aim of the alliance is to build a civil society in Sydney. A civil society is a social organisation distinct from market and government institutions and comprised of volunteers representing civic and social organisations. The particular purpose of the Sydney Alliance is twofold: to initiate practical social justice outcomes and to make the three types of organisations in the coalition stronger because of joint initiatives. Representatives of the three types of organisations have been meeting and sharing views for years, and on Thursday 15 September 2011 a Foundation Assembly will be held at Sydney Town Hall 7-8.30pm. Details about the activities, aims, and history of the Sydney Alliance can be found at [www.sydney-alliance.org/](http://www.sydney-alliance.org/)

Two faith organisations in Glebe as well as some members of the Glebe Society will be attending the Foundation Assembly. Other members of the Glebe Society may also wish to attend. It is essential that individuals wishing to attend register at the website listed above. A cost-free ticket securing a seat at the assembly will be emailed following registration.

- Ron Horvath  
[hovath@pop.usyd.edu.au](mailto:hovath@pop.usyd.edu.au)

## Australian heritage partnership formed

Three major organisations concerned about Australia's natural and cultural heritage places have joined forces creating a new alliance, the Australian Heritage Partnership.

The constituent organisations are the Australian Council of National Trusts, Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), and Federations of Australian Historical Societies (FAHS). These three organisations have over 170,000 members. The Partnership has been formed to undertake joint and coordinated advocacy activities to raise the profile of Australia's cultural heritage places. It will allow these three peak bodies to coordinate resources and actions to achieve the best possible heritage outcomes.

David Mander-Jones

## Energy and wholehearted commitment

I want to add to the tribute to dear David Mander Jones which appeared in last month's *Bulletin*.

I first met him in early 2001 in the local pub following a public meeting canvassing the possibility of Glebe being incorporated within the City of Sydney Council boundaries. We had quite different opinions on this issue, and I suggested he write an article for the *Bulletin*. His very lively piece, entitled *Chalk and Cheese*, appeared in the February/March 2001 *Bulletin*, where he concluded that:

*Frank Sartor enticed us, courted us with the splendour of it all but, on reflection, the bride from Glebe may end up being just one of many in the city's harem.'*

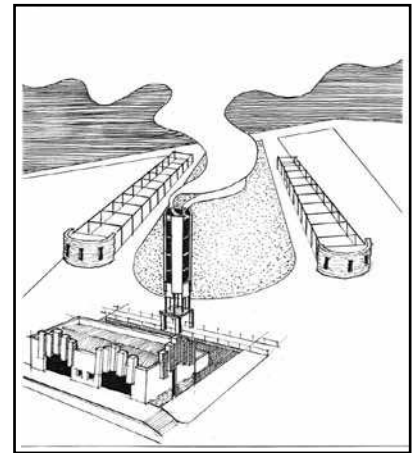
Soon after, he joined the Society's Management Committee and in 2002 he became Convenor of the Glebe Heritage group. By 2003 he was lending his energy and architectural expertise to the Foley Park Working Group, set up in that year to lobby the relevant Council to upgrade the H.J. Foley Rest Park on the corner of Bridge and Glebe Point Roads.

David was hands-on from the beginning when we were planting, weeding and watering the garden beds at Foley Park with support from Leichhardt Council; after Glebe moved to the City of Sydney Council, he wrote our very comprehensive response to the Management Plan for the Park, and he was the one who attended Council meetings to put our views across. The 'Village Green' idea, mentioned throughout the planning documents was his concept, and his phrase.

Throughout the various stages – Open Day, Community Consultations, Design Report, Development Application and Master Plan (2006), the long debate on the fate of the Wireless House, many meetings, and much correspondence with City of Sydney Council planners and the landscape architects engaged to carry out the work, it was David who interpreted and spoke the architectural language, and gave our group standing and authority.

What would we (few) have done without him? And how we miss him, now that Council is finally about to implement Stage II of the works, an update on which will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

David's commitment to any task was wholehearted. For example in September 2006, assisted by the Walter Burley Griffin Society, he organised a social outing to revisit the Burley Griffin



David's drawing - Phoenix Rising ... from the ashes

Incinerator in the park at the bottom of Forsyth Street. The community was invited to bring a picnic lunch, hear the history of the Incinerator and inspect the restoration. As well, he took the time to draw the graphic on this page to publicise the event, calling it 'Phoenix Rising ... from the ashes'. David had a nice way with words!

On a personal level his generosity was well known. Aghast that I was going to remove windows from my living room, he volunteered to check out the situation and apply his architect's mind to my amateur concept. After consideration, consultation and agreement he offered to draw up a plan, so that a builder would know just exactly what was required. How lucky was I?

The result is I now have a new narrow floor to ceiling window facing north to replace the ones I removed, which includes a view of the two palm trees next door, and gives the illusion of widening the room as well as much improving its aspect. We launched it at a small dinner party.

Thank you again David, and farewell.

- Bobbie Burke

# Coming Glebe events

## Players in the Pub

Here are the next plays in the series of popular moved readings at the Toxteth Hotel.

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

### 6 September (for History Week) -

*The Dead Must Not Return* by Miles Franklin

A lively debate on the politics of war inspired by the tragic life of Miles' nephew Jack. Directed by Jocelyn Hedley with a cast from the NSW Central Coast.

**11 October - *The Drunkard* or *The Fallen Saved*** by 'W H Smith and A Gentleman'.

A lesson in temperance first staged in 1844 by showman P J Barnum. Directed by Lyn Collingwood.

**Tuesdays at 7pm** in the upstairs Media Room (enter via Ferry Road stairs) Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road. Free admission. \$10 main meal 'specials' on Tuesdays - orders from 5.30pm.

- Lyn Collingwood

## Poetry in libraries

City of Sydney libraries are displaying a new poem and poetry writing exercise every day for 40 days. The public is invited to contribute poems that will form part of the virtual 'Stacks' poetry library. Visit [redroomcompany.org](http://redroomcompany.org) to contribute online and to find out about free poetry readings.

**1 August - 9 September** - Library opening hours at all library branches. There is a special table, next to the desk at Glebe Library, set aside for these poems. Telephone 9319 5090. Bookings not required.

## Membership renewals

Renewal of your Glebe Society membership was due by 31 July. Those members who have not renewed will receive reminder letters in the next few days. If your renewal is not received by mid-September you will not receive your copy of the September/October *Bulletin*.

## History week 2011: Eat History

History Week just gets bigger. This year, a myriad of offerings includes a walking tour of Leichhardt's Famous Italian Cafes, a display at the Reserve Bank of Food as Currency, Food on Currency and a talk on Famous Last Meals. For more information go to [www.historyweek.com.au](http://www.historyweek.com.au).

### *Can I have more, please Sir? Yes!*

As a part of History Week the City of Sydney Historical Association is offering a series of presentations on **Saturday 3 September**, in the Barnet Long Room, Customs House, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay. The program is:

**11.30am *Laila Ellmoos: Tea and hominy.*** Laila will explore the politics of food for prisoners locked up at Sydney's notorious Darlinghurst Gaol in the 19th century.

**12.30pm *Dr Margo Beasley: Hunger on the Hungry Mile.*** Margo will look at the different types of food that working families ate on Sydney's waterfront in the early 20th century.

**1.30pm *Margaret Betteridge: Off the menu.*** Margaret's talk is about the civic receptions and functions which were regularly held at Sydney Town Hall throughout the 20th century.

**2.3pm *Dr Lisa Murray: Sweet and saucy.*** Lisa's talk reminds us that Sydney's industrial southern suburbs were an important site of food production in the 20th century, especially lollies, tomato sauce, jam, flour and beer.

The talks are free and bookings are not required.

## A History Week event at Glebe Library

**The Past in Print: Community Ephemera Project - *Year of Ephemera***

**Saturday 10 September** 2-3.30pm. Bookings essential. Telephone 9298 3060

The City of Sydney Archives invites you to learn about the Community Ephemera Project and celebrate its first birthday. Come along and hear City Archivists and Historians talk about the value of the Community Ephemera Collection to their work. Bring along items you've been accumulating and donate them to the collection.

Ephemera can be any short-lived printed material that tells a story, including pamphlets, lost dog posters, tickets, beer coasters, business cards, menus, postcards, badges, bus timetables, stickers and more. It is a rich source of information about the diverse and changing personalities of our local areas over time, our residents, businesses, and community groups. *The Past in Print* is about collecting materials that are usually thrown away or recycled. Today's junk mail is tomorrow's historical detail. Materials like this add colourful context to local grassroots history, making the past more real to future generations.

- Margaret Whittaker

## Tree planting celebrates Biodiversity Month



On **Sunday 4 September**, 9 - 11am, join the City of Sydney and the Blue Wren Group for a tree planting event to celebrate Biodiversity Month. The planting will take place at Minogue Crescent, adjacent to the Police and Community Youth Club. Free morning tea will be provided. Bring hat and sunscreen, sturdy shoes and gardening gloves and trowel (if you have them; if not they will be provided).

- Jan Macindoe

# Coming Glebe events

## 22nd Annual Glebe Music Festival

As announced last month, this year's Glebe Music Festival features some free concerts: guitar and violin at *Benledi* at 3pm on Saturday 5 November, Douglas Hollick organ at the Great Hall, University of Sydney, at 3.30pm on Sunday 6 November preceded by afternoon tea, and Accordions Alfresco at the Record Reign Hall at 3pm on Sunday 13 November. Simply turn up at the door.

And a new concert has been added. This is a unique opportunity to hear a consort of violas da gamba along with an early music soprano at St Scholastica's Chapel, corner of Avenue Road and Arcadia Road, Glebe, at 3pm on Saturday 26 November. Josie Ryan is one of Australia's leading early music sopranos, having recently returned from many years performing with major early music ensembles in Europe.

The Emerald City Viols (pictured below), founded by Brooke Green, performs exquisite consort music,



principally by English, Italian and Spanish composers of the 16th Century. Elizabeth Rumsey, based in Basel, will be making a guest appearance with the consort.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased in advance for the early-bird price of \$20 up to and including 25 November either by phoning 0422 334 054 or through the usual channels for the Glebe Music Festival. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$30. Afternoon tea will be available.

See [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com) for further details of all the concerts.

- David McIntosh

## Advance notice of Glebe Society events

Put these dates in your diary now. There will be further details, and booking forms where appropriate, in later *Bulletins*.

### Presentation on the restoration of the Glebe Town Hall

As most Glebe residents will have noticed, the Glebe Town Hall, built in 1880, is undergoing substantial renovations and will not be re-opened until mid-2012. The City of Sydney has offered to make a presentation to Glebe Society members interested in architecture and heritage on the restoration. It is expected that representatives from the architects and the construction company will take part in the presentation. The project involves internal refurbishment, landscape upgrade, enhancement of public uses and improvement of accessibility.

The restoration will ensure this historic and valued building is accessible and welcoming for the whole community, and that it can be used for a wide range of meetings, events and groups.

By combining modern, sustainable design with careful restoration of the original features, the Town Hall and the Lodge buildings will be revived and protected for the future. A stunning glass façade will feature on the new accessible entrance to the building on Lodge Street.

Provisional arrangements for the presentation, followed by drinks and cheese, are:

**Date:** Thursday 20 October (TBC)

**Time:** 5.30 - 7pm

**Format:** Presentation followed by drinks and cheese

**Venue:** Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator Building

No charge, but bookings essential given capacity of venue.

There will be a booking form, which will confirm final details, in the next *Bulletin*.

### Beer tasting

Malt Shovel Brewery, Camperdown - **end of October**. Booking form in September Bulletin.

### Glebe Art Galleries Tour

**Saturday 19 November** 1.30 - 4.30 pm. On this walking tour we will visit four or five art galleries in Glebe, chosen from Art Almanac, Gallery Red, Inner City Clay Workers Gallery, Glass Artists Gallery and the Salerno Gallery, concluding with Yuga Florist and Gallery where we will have afternoon tea.

### Christmas Cocktail Party

**Friday 2 December**, 6 - 8pm. This year, Christmas drinks will be served on the elegant verandah and (weather permitting) lawns of Toxteth House, in Avenue Road.

- Dorothy Davis

## Other events

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Glebe Art Show.** This year's Art Show will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, at *Benledi* on **Friday 23 September** at 5pm.

The artworks will be on display in *Benledi* and the Glebe Library from Saturday 24 September to Monday 3 October. Opening hours are:

- 11am to 5pm, Monday to Friday,
- 10am to 4pm, Saturday
- 12 noon to 4pm, Sundays and Monday 3 October.

Artworks are to be delivered on Monday 19 September, 2 - 7pm.

For further information, contact Robin Lawrence on 9660 8036 or go to [www.glebeartshow.org.au](http://www.glebeartshow.org.au).

**Wentworth Park Community Games** - **Sunday 16 October**, 11am - 2pm.

More fun and games as you and your dogs do battle for the GUP Cup.

**Mitchell Street Fair** - **Saturday 29 October**, 11am - 2pm.

Come and support the Mitchell Street Fair's activities for your children and grandchildren.



# News and Notes

## Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet in restaurants in and around 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 September** we will go to *Elizabeth's*, 175 Glebe Point Road.

**On Thursday 6 October** we will go to a new restaurant with 'modern Italian cuisine' at 34 Glebe Point Road - *Sage on Glebe*.

**And on Thursday 3 November** we will go to *Sushu-Ya Glebe*, the new Japanese restaurant at 166 Glebe Point Road (*The Valhalla*).

Please email me or ring me on 9660 7066 by the Wednesday before the dinner to let me know if you are coming, or if you are likely to be late.

- Edwina Doe

## Welcome to new members

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

- Ken and Anne Broadfoot
- Kate McFadyen

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

## Correction

The Eglinton Road project update, on page 6 of last month's *Bulletin*, was written by Genny Kang, not Carole Herriman. Sorry Genny.

- Editor

## Rotary Party

Sydney Inner West Rotary members invite members of the Glebe Society to our Community Spring Fling Cocktail Party. The guest speaker is Dr Simon Lewis from the Mind and Brain Centre at Sydney University.

**Where:** Rydges, Missendon Road, Camperdown

**When:** Friday 2 September, 6.30pm.

**Cost:** \$30. RSVP Wednesday, 31 August.

**Contact:** Fay on 0418 602 014 or thurlowf@yahoo.com.au, or Ron on 0418 112 018

Sponsored by Sydney Inner West Rotary with all nett proceeds going to Rotary 'Youth Projects'.

## Gypsy and the Gleebs

Google 'Gypsy and the Gleebs' to hear and see the video of a song that captures the quirky essence of Glebe.

- Jan Wilson

## Coming exhibitions - Gallery Red

**2- 27 September:** *31 Days - The Road Less Travelled* (A group mixed media exhibition).

**30 September - 18 October:** *Artbound 2011*, an artist books exhibition.

**Gallery Red**, Shop 11, 131-145 Glebe Point Road.

Gallery Hours are Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturdays by appointment.

## Hunter Baillie Spring Festival of Music

This year's concerts are on:

**Sunday 25 September** - Claire Edwardes (marimba) with Christina Leonard (saxophone).

**Sunday 30 October** - Gregory van der Struik (violin) with Pastór de Lasala (organ).

**Sunday 27 November** - Kirsten Williams (violin) with Jane Rosenson (harp).

All concerts are at Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church, corner Johnston and Collins Streets Annandale, and begin at 3pm.

## Bulletins by email

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# For your diary ...

- Sunday 28 August, 11am** – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, *Benledi*.
- Thursday 1 September, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Elizabeth's*, 175 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.
- Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 September** – History Week. See page 10 for events.
- Sunday 4 September, 9 - 11am.** – Tree Planting at Minogue Crescent and Lew Hoad Reserve. See page 10.
- Tuesday 6 September, 7pm** – Players in the Pub, Toxteth Hotel. See page 10.
- Wednesday 7 September, 2pm** – *Benledi* – City Plan Meeting. See page 3.
- Wednesday 14 September, 7.30pm** – Management Committee meeting, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Thursday 15 September, 7 - 8.30pm** – Sydney Town Hall – Sydney Alliance Foundation Meeting. See page 9.
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- Sunday 16 October, 11am – 2pm** – Wentworth Park Community Games.
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- Friday 2 December, 6 - 8pm** – Toxteth House – Glebe Society Christmas Cocktail Party. See page 11.

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### The Bulletin

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