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# Glebe Society Bulletin



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## An insight into Glebe's radical past

Our most recent Glebe Voices was led by Professor Ann Curthoys, a resident of Glebe for some years and now back once more in our midst. We met on 22 February at the Blackwattle Bay Café on a balmy evening to enjoy some food and wine and hear tales of Glebe and its intellectual life from Ann, who was an active participant in these activities.

As Ann said, Glebe of course has a huge radical history, with many different dimensions. Some of them are discussed in Terry Irving and Rowan Cahill's book, *Radical Sydney*. They draw attention to working class Glebe politics and its role in major events such as the anti-conscription marches of 1916 and 1917, the General Strike of 1917, the Timber Workers Strike of 1929, the Unemployed Workers Union, and the controversial Youth Carnival for Peace and Friendship in March 1952. And of course there is the radicalism of the resident action groups such as the Glebe Society itself, from its beginnings in 1969, protesting against proposed expressways and high rise development.

The focus of the talk was on aspects of Glebe's radical history that Ann knows personally, starting in the mid-1960s and ending in the mid-1990s: Aboriginal and pro-Aboriginal activism in the 1960s, the emergence of Women's Liberation in the 1970s and Glebe as a centre for radical writing and book culture generally, from the 1970s to the 1990s, and of course, still today.

Ann mentioned a number of locations including 67 Glebe Point Road which became a centre for early Women's Liberation activities. The Society will be taking action to ensure this and other significant radical activism sites are acknowledged, perhaps with plaques. The discussion at the session was lively and a lot of fun as many of the attendees had personal memories and anecdotes to share. The full text of Ann's talk is available on our website ([www.glebesociety.org.au/wordpress/?p=5472](http://www.glebesociety.org.au/wordpress/?p=5472)), and we hope to publish excerpts from it in future issues of

the *Bulletin*. Thanks to Ann for leading a very enjoyable and informative Glebe Voices.

- Mairéad Browne



Inheritors of the Womens Lib movement walk past 67 Glebe Point Road. Photo: Bruce Davis

### Anzac Day Service



**Glebe War Memorial  
Glebe Point Road**

**7.30am, Wednesday  
25 April**

Rev Julie Brackenreg from the Glebe Community Church will officiate and the talk will be given by local historian Max Solling. Morning tea will be served at the back of St John's Church after the ceremony.

**Everyone is welcome**

### What's coming soon

**Thursday 19 April, 6pm for 6.30pm** – upstairs at the *Ancient Briton* - Glebe Voices. See page 11.

**Friday 20 April, 5-7pm** – Glebe Library – the Library's 15th Birthday Party. See page 12.

**Sunday 29 April, 5.30-7pm - Benedi** – Illustrated talk on Douglas Mawson. See page 11.

**Wednesday 2 May, 9.15-11.30am** - Blue Wrens working bee, Paddy Gray Reserve. See page 11.

# Glebe's blue wrens in review

Members' interest in blue wrens originated in 2006/7 after backyards in St James Avenue and John Street Park were identified as a 'hot spot' for Superb Fairy-wrens. Bulbuls, willy wagtails, silver eyes and other small birds were also commonly sighted in that area. Since that time we have been very active.

The Blue Wren Subcommittee received an environmental grant (\$10,000) from the City of Sydney for a major local project which included recording wren sightings by members of the community, mapping the local wren corridor and conducting a community forum. Consultant ecologist Sue Stevens undertook key aspects of the project. The comprehensive project report *Superb Fairy-Wren Habitat in Glebe & Forest Lodge: a community based conservation project* was launched by the Lord Mayor in June 2008, and was adopted by the Society and guides the City of Sydney. Our current work has been supported by generous donations from members of the Society.

Two successful planting days were organised under the auspices of Planet Ark's National Tree Day in Paddy Gray Park, attracting over 200 people (including lots of children) who planted and mulched over 1000 habitat-enhancing shrubs, climbers and grasses.

Ongoing liaison with relevant sections of the City of Sydney has led to greater understanding of the habitat requirements of small birds. Outcomes of this liaison include bushcare trained specialists for ongoing maintenance in Paddy Gray Park, habitat enhancement considerations in park upgrades in the wren corridor, an invitation to advise on the landscaping of Glebe Town Hall and an anticipated habitat enhancement plan for the Lombard Street Park near the Glebe light rail stop. We also recently

accepted an invitation from the City to be part of the 21st birthday celebrations of Sydney Park, the City's biggest park, located at St Peters.

By 2010, our successful activities had attracted interest among biodiversity educators in Sydney. The co-ordinators of the Birds in Backyards program requested a 'case study' of our project to promote the concept to its members. Birds in Backyards has thousands of online members in urban areas and wanted to showcase examples



This male blue wren was photographed by Stewart Whitestone in Boyce Street, Glebe in January 2008.

of how community groups can help promote biodiversity – including 'backyard' bird biodiversity - in their own suburbs.

The 2010 Biennial Conference of the Australian Association for Environmental Education (AAEE), held at the Australian National University in Canberra provided an ideal opportunity for Judy Christie, a member of AAEE and an inaugural member of our group, to present the Glebe Society's Blue Wren story to a wider audience. The AAEE is the national professional association for people working in the fields of environmental and sustainability

education. AAEE Conferences showcase best practice case studies, new research and education projects on a range of sustainability themes. Their 2010 Conference had the theme of *Leading Change – Living for One Planet*. Judy Christie's presentation, entitled *My garden is wren-friendly: changing attitudes to biodiversity through an iconic species awareness project* was well received as a useful case study of how to engage and educate communities about urban biodiversity through focus on a single, easily identifiable, species. The Glebe case study was also about the important role of community groups in initiating projects to help educate their local communities (and their councils) of the value of a 'bottom-up' approach. While our activities continue to evolve, this presentation provides a good summary of how it all started and our early achievements and challenges. The PowerPoint presentation given at the AAEE 2010 Conference can be downloaded at [http://www.aee.org.au/wp-content/uploads2/2011/04/Christie\\_J-Read-Only.pdf](http://www.aee.org.au/wp-content/uploads2/2011/04/Christie_J-Read-Only.pdf)

You will be pleased to know that in 2011 Society members reported sighting wrens in Jarocin Avenue and Hereford Street; these habitat sites, together with John Street Park, form part of an important wren corridor linking Glebe's wrens to those on the campus of the University of Sydney. See the Glebe Society's website ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)) for more information about our work and please join our Facebook page (Glebe's Blue Wrens). New members are always welcome. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact the convenor, Andrew Wood (9660 6104).

**- Judy Christie, Jan Craney and Andrew Wood for the Blue Wrens Group**

## Planning matters

### CityPlan and Durham Court

Following the City of Sydney's Planning Committee meeting of 5 March it seems likely the City will adopt its new Plan as amended. This means stronger controls over development. The amendments include almost all those proposed by the Society:

1. Greater protection for Glebe's foreshore parks.
2. Special infrastructure zoning for public buildings.
3. Consistent and increased Heritage listings.
4. Reduced maximum heights for new development in certain key parts of Glebe, especially Allen Street and Cook Street, but also for parts of Glebe Point Road.

The height and density controls for Durham Court, 417 Glebe Point Road, have been reduced, and this makes it more difficult for the current owners to gain approval for their present very large redevelopment proposal.

The Society accepts there will be a redevelopment of this site, currently a collection of 1920s flats, at some stage. However, we suggest this takes place within the existing building envelope and with minimal impact on neighbours.

### Late news on the City Plan

On 12 March Council accepted its Planning Committee's recommendations. Council will also examine a number of additional sites for inclusion as Heritage Items, including Glebe's seawalls, which would add a further level of protection to our waterfront parks.

These amendments represent a notable victory for the Society,

which has been following and commenting on the proposed CityPlan for five years. They represent a retreat from the hard line taken by the NSW Department of Planning in trying to impose uniformity on all town plans, regardless of differences between and within municipalities. Glebe is not the only area to benefit from the amendments. A controversial redevelopment in Newtown, known as the Ashmore Estate, has had its height reduced to nine storeys, as reported in the media. There have also been changes to the pattern of zonings the State attempted to impose, and these have benefitted some parts of the Sydney Local Government Area. Essentially it has been a win for residents' groups, with which the Society joined to secure the changes.

### Objections

What follows is a reduced version of a paper tabled at the Management Committee meeting of 14 March. The full text is available on request from the Secretary.

Objections are our main means of influencing development in our area. You do not need any special expertise to write an objection, and the Committee encourages you to write to show Council that concern about a particular development is widespread, even if you are not a neighbour. It is wise to mention the most problematic aspect of a proposal, which could be, for example, its density, height or appearance. If you are a neighbour who is directly affected, you should definitely lodge an objection listing all your concerns.

The Society's objections are often quite technical and detailed and may concern the history of the site, as well the possibility of future proposals from the developer, but a short objection stating your

main concern, even of only one paragraph, is still very worthwhile.

For large scale proposals, such as Harold Park, the Society will continue to hold and attend public meetings. These can take several forms, including meetings prior to an application being lodged, or prior to a change in zoning or other proposal for a site or part of a site. Harold Park is a good example, because it has involved all of these, and there will also be a series of further applications as different parts of the site are developed over the years, including the Tramsheds.

While the Society comments on all large proposals and those that have a significant public impact, such as the recent proposal for extensive outdoor seating at the Toxteth Hotel, by far the greater number of applications are small and domestic. The Society comments on a very small proportion of these, and normally only if the impacts are public, or if the applicant seeks a variation in Council controls that may have ramifications elsewhere.

Although the process of advertising and notifying proposals is required to be public, the Society respects the privacy of applicants and objectors alike as much as possible. Feelings often run high, but it is necessary for the Society to keep a cool head and work for the best result.

All members have the right to inspect the Society's documents and records, including objections, on request. However, in special cases, such as where the member is also an applicant or represents an applicant, it is important for the Society to be fair and impartial, and so the member in such a case may be referred to Council. Requests from non-members or other special requests are discussed by the

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## Planning matters

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Committee, which also discusses all controversial proposals.

The Planning Subcommittee anticipates there will be a period of adjustment to the new CityPlan, but after this there will be fewer problematic applications. This is because the new controls are empirically based, as are the conservation controls, and this means opportunistic applications and ambit claims are more likely to be rejected, or fail on appeal. While this may take a while to filter through, the result should be greater certainty and applications of better quality.

The actions of the Planning Subcommittee, including comments on controversial proposals, are published each month in the *Bulletin*, but the Convenor is happy to discuss planning issues with members at any time. As well as email and phone, I can usually be found enjoying an afternoon cup of coffee in the collection of cafes near and opposite Glebe library.

- Neil Macindoe

### The National Trust Heritage Festival

The festival will be from 14 to 29 April with a theme of Innovation and Invention. The program booklet includes two Glebe items on page 20; an advertisement for our online self-guided walks and a walking tour of the suburb of Glebe which draws heavily on our online walks but is privately run and costs \$25.

Surrounding suburbs where events are being held include Annandale, Balmain, Concord, Haberfield, Five Dock, and Hunters Hill as well as the City.

See <http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/heritagefestival/nsw/> for the full festival program.

## What makes something a heritage item?



The Kauri Hotel. Photo: Bruce Davis

While waiting to address Council's planning Committee on the CityPlan, I heard a revealing exchange that I will share with you.

A dapper, portly, middle-aged man rose to speak. It emerged he was the owner of the Kauri Hotel in Bridge Road, and in a very pleasant and reasonable way he argued that while his hotel was indeed Art Deco, it was far from unique and he could see no justification for making it a Heritage Item.

The Council officer who replied lacked the publican's charisma, but pointed out that the Kauri had been the pub of Glebe's timber workers. Hudson's, the largest timber yard and factory in the Southern hemisphere, had stood immediately opposite, where Blackwattle Secondary College now stands. It was not primarily its architecture that made the pub a Heritage Item, but its historic and social significance.

Immediately I was reminded of similar disagreements. In the 1980s, Leichhardt Council removed Glebe's sole remaining horseshoe from St Johns Road, and the outcry was immediate: not because it was beautiful – far from it! It was because it was a symbol,

the chief remaining symbol of a strong, graceful, patient animal whose labour supported our entire civilisation until the invention of the motor car. The trough was returned to St Johns Road.

The disagreement about the Wireless House in Foley Park was similar, but it is now more difficult for us to imagine what it must have been like to hear Nellie Melba and Enrico Caruso for the first time, and what it meant to people during the Great Depression, unemployed, impoverished and demoralised, to have their own source of entertainment talking directly to them in their own park.

It is also worth remembering that once the Society had saved the Wireless House, the National Trust held a competition that won \$40,000 toward its restoration and the installation of Sydney's first public Wi Fi and a public source of historic radio programs and Glebe's oral history. In turn, this led to the prize announced on page 4 of *Bulletin* 10/2011.

All this is possible once we realise that heritage significance is more than just appearance.

- Neil Macindoe

## The Environment

*A revised Environment Policy and the Action Plan for 2012–13, prepared by the Environment Subcommittee, were approved by the Management Committee meeting on 14 March 2012.*

### The Glebe Society Inc Environment Policy

The Constitution of the Glebe Society includes amongst its objectives:

- a) to improve the amenity of Glebe by ... making Glebe a cleaner and healthier environment
- b) to preserve and enhance the natural and architectural character of Glebe

In keeping with these objectives, the Glebe Society ('the Society') is committed to improving, preserving and enhancing the following aspects of the natural environment:

#### Environmental sustainability

The Society collaborates with other organisations such as the City of Sydney Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and depletion of non-renewable resources in our community. The Society supports strategies to minimise waste and increase recycling and re-use of resources.

#### Water quality in our bays

In collaboration with the Society's Bays and Foreshores Subcommittee and various relevant authorities, we support strategies to ensure the water entering Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays is clean, and to remove rubbish which washes onto our shores or is dumped there.

#### Air quality in our streets and public places

The Society supports strategies to reduce air pollution, including reducing vehicle emissions and supporting anti-smoking measures.

#### Parks and open spaces

The Society supports the maintenance and enhancement of our parks and open spaces for the enjoyment of all residents, including facilities such as picnic tables, seats, bubblers, toilets and children's play areas as well as maintenance of sporting fields and facilities. We support strategies to achieve a harmonious balance between the needs of different users, including dog owners, bike riders and pedestrians. We support the creation of biodiversity corridors through planting of appropriate native species.

#### Pedestrian-friendly environment

The Society supports strategies to encourage residents to walk to local destinations, recognising the benefits for health as well as the environmental benefits of decreasing use of cars. For this end we support strategies to make pedestrian routes clearer and more attractive through simple signage, provision of appropriate seating, bubblers and trees for shade.

#### Attractive and well-maintained physical environment

The Society supports strategies to maintain and enhance the physical environment generally through the prompt elimination of unsightly graffiti, the removal of litter and rubbish (including abandoned cars

and supermarket trolleys) from our streets, reduction in vandalism.

#### Community gardens

The Society supports the creation and maintenance of community gardens for their benefit in contributing to local food production, strengthening local communities through collaboration, and providing a healthy outdoor activity suitable for all ages.

#### Private gardens

The Glebe Society recognises the many benefits of gardens on private land, including contribution to the aesthetic appeal of the neighbourhood, contributing to biodiversity habitat, the role of soft landscaping in preventing water run-off, and the creation of a micro-climate which modifies extremes of temperature and reduces reliance on air-conditioning. The Society supports strategies to encourage the establishment and maintenance of private gardens, including sharing of information, access to suitable plant material and support for garden competitions.

#### Glebe Society activities

The Glebe Society is committed to supporting these goals in its own activities, ensuring that its social activities have minimal environmental impact through use of reusable or recyclable materials, reducing waste and minimising energy use. The Society encourages discussion and sharing of information to enable its members to implement appropriate environmentally friendly strategies in local residences and businesses.

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*We welcome comments or suggestions from members for improvement to the policy. Please send your response to Jan Macindoe at [environment@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:environment@glebesociety.org.au)*

## The Environment

### Environment Subcommittee Action Plan

The Environment Subcommittee will undertake the following action in the 2012-13 year:

- Hold at least one environmentally themed educational/social activity per year as part of the Society's calendar of events.
- Provide regular information updates through the Glebe Society *Bulletin* on topics related to the environment.
- Work with the events planning group to develop a checklist to ensure that Glebe Society events have minimal environmental impact.
- Advocate for the establishment of further community gardens in Glebe, in both the northern and southern sections of the suburb, and support such community gardens by participation in their establishment and governance.
- Discuss with Council officers the option of holding environmental awareness workshops for the Glebe community, using Benledi as a venue.

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### Help the environment

The **Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 5 May** is a fun and sustainable community event. Meet your neighbours, de-clutter your home and give your unwanted goods a second life. Google Garage Sale Trail for more information.

And don't forget **Earth Hour on Saturday 31 March** - switch off your lights at 8.30pm and then 'Go Beyond the Hour' by making small but enduring changes that will benefit the planet.

## Trigeneration on Broadway



The Broadway shopping centre. Photo: Bruce Davis

Not sure what 'trigeneration' is? You are in good company. A phone survey commissioned by the City of Sydney found that few residents were aware of the City's sustainability strategies, apart from recycling services and bike lanes, and in particular only a tiny minority knew what 'trigeneration' was about. The most popular guess was 'something about three generations'.

Trigeneration is the simultaneous production of three forms of energy: electricity, heating and cooling. A trigeneration system, fuelled by natural gas, can provide power, hot water, space heating and air conditioning from a single system. Trigeneration systems are small-scale and produce energy for a particular building or small neighbourhood. This makes the system very efficient: 80 - 90% efficiency can be achieved compared to 35% efficiency for conventional energy generation, where much of the energy produced is lost through the long transmission system. For this reason, trigeneration is less costly than conventional energy.

A network of trigeneration plants is one of the major strategies by which the City of Sydney is planning to take most, if not all, of city buildings off the coal fired grid as part of their goal to cut carbon emissions by 70% by 2030.

Broadway/Pyrmont is one of the 'low carbon zones' targeted by the City. The first examples will be the Fraser's site, Central Park, where the developer aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality by using trigeneration and other sustainability strategies. Across the road, UTS will also incorporate trigeneration in its new Gehry designed building.

Trigeneration may be coming closer still to Glebe. At the Council's '2030 in Your Village' consultation in February, Nik Midlam, Manager Carbon Strategy for the City, was happy to chat about the City's trigeneration plans, and reported that they are undertaking a trigeneration case study for Broadway Shopping Centre. This is still an early stage, but an important first step. It is likely that Broadway Shopping Centre will be incorporated in the final version of the City's Trigeneration Master Plan.

- Jan Macindoe

## Who lived in your street?

Centenary commemorations are underway of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition's exploration of the southern continent. Both its leader and its official photographer were Glebe boys. Ian Edwards' biography of Douglas Mawson was published in *Glebe Society Bulletin* 3/2005. Here is the story of the man behind the lens.

### James Francis Hurley (1885-1962)

Frank Hurley was born on 15 October 1885, the son of Margaret Agnes and Edward Harrison Hurley, a typographer and trade union official working for the Sydney Morning Herald. The family, including Frank's siblings Margaret Ann, Henry Edward, Edwin Derwent and Dorothea Clara, lived at 63 Derwent Street. Frank's father died in 1907, his mother in 1940.



Frank Hurley

After Frank threw two inkwells at his Glebe Public teacher ('a cantankerous tubby little man who ... hammered knowledge into us with the aplomb of a jobbing carpenter') and ran away from both school and home, he got a labouring job at R W Sandford's Lithgow ironworks, a decision supported by his father. At age 17 he bought his first camera, a Kodak Box Brownie, and taught himself the technical aspects of photography. Back in Sydney he set up a postcard business. Hearing of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition, Hurley pestered Mawson to take him on as official photographer. His equipment, supplied by Kodak, weighed 18 kilograms.

Hurley was back in Antarctica 1914-16 as photographer with Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. When the *Endurance* was crushed in ice the



Adelie penguins. Wikipedia photo.

ship's wreckage remained afloat and the crew salvaged what they could. Hurley had to smash about 400 of his glass plates, keeping only 150, the maximum that could be carried. (Shackleton feared he would go back for the others if they were left intact.) He revisited the southern continent with the British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition 1929-31.

An adventurer and passionate about his art, Hurley was an official photographer in both world wars, recording some of the first conflict on colour plates. He accompanied aviators Ross and Keith Smith on the Australian leg of their flight from England, and in 1920 released his documentary *The Ross Smith Flight*. Other works include the films *Home of the Blizzard*, *In the Grip of Polar Ice*, *Pearls and Savages*, *Hound of the Deep* and *Jungle Woman*, and the picture books *The Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves*, *Sydney from the Sky*, *Tasmania: A Story of 150 Years* and *Western Australia: A Camera Study*. As chief cameraman with Cinesound Productions he shot *The*

*Squatter's Daughter* and *A Nation is Built*.

Frank Hurley died in Sydney on 16 January 1962. He was survived by Antoinette née Leighton, an opera singer and the daughter of an Indian army officer, whom he had married in Cairo in 1918, a son and three daughters.

- Lyn Collingwood

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**A footnote on Douglas Mawson:**  
Forest Lodge Public's famous ex-pupil lived at various addresses in Glebe in the period 1893 - 1906: numbers 285, 345 and 351 Glebe Point Road, and 28 Toxteth Road.  
**And on Kodak:** In January 2012 it went bankrupt.

### Players in the Pub

Our popular moved readings have finally found a new home! Upstairs at the Harold Park Hotel 70a Ross Street Glebe. Seating is a mix of chairs with backs plus comfortable poufs. Free admission.

The show starts at 7 pm. The kitchen opens at 6 pm for snacks and light meals (\$12-\$15) and chargrilled beef, lamb or chicken (\$17-\$20). There is a bus stop on Wigram Road for routes 433 and 370, and up the hill at the Ross Street shops for route 470.

First up is Oliver Goldsmith's classic comedy *She Stoops to Conquer* on Tuesday 15 May. Other dates for your diary are 5 June and 17 July.

- Lyn Collingwood

## Forum Sentencing

Forum Sentencing brings together offenders, their victim(s) and other people affected by a crime at a 'Forum'. The aim is to help repair harm to the victim and the community and reduce the offender's likelihood of re-offending. It also gives an offender the opportunity to learn about the impact of their behaviour on the victim(s) and other people.

As a member of the Glebe/Forest Lodge community I was asked to participate in the Forum. Dates, events and names have been kept anonymous to protect participants.

Residents had reported to Police that adult males were involved in large-scale graffiti on public property in Forest Lodge. The Police attended and charged one offender, who admitted guilt. The Magistrate decided that as the offender had no previous convictions, he be referred to Forum Sentencing, organised by Attorneys-General NSW, in preference to an immediate conviction and possibility of a gaol sentence.

The offender, his father, mother, sister, a representative from the Government Agency, the charging Police Officer and a community representative were in attendance. A facilitator from the A G's Department managed the process that lasted for three hours.

The session was non-confrontational and everyone had the opportunity to express what the impact had been on him or her. The offender was an intelligent young man of 21 years of age from a concerned and supportive family from another suburb of Sydney. He admitted guilt and contrition about his offence.

- Jan Wilson

**Member of COGG (Coalition of Glebe Groups) and the Glebe Society**

For further information about the process see <http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/forumsentencing>

## Cycling in Sydney

Last year, on behalf of the Society, I attended a workshop organised by the City of Sydney to brainstorm ideas to encourage more cycling in the City. As a follow up to this work the City arranged a promotional event at Sydney Park on Saturday 3 March, which attracted a good number of people despite the uncertain weather. Clover Moore spoke about the City's aims in encouraging cycling as part of the goal of a sustainable city and reducing carbon emissions. There were a number of entertainments, including a children's cycle sprint to open an artwork on the pathway through the park.

Promotional tee shirts were handed out, together with leaflets on Cycling in Sydney and a Sydney Cycling Guide and map. Free copies of the Guide and Map can be obtained from the Library or by calling 9265 9333 or downloaded from [www.sydneycycleways.net](http://www.sydneycycleways.net). There is also Facebook access at [www.facebook.com/sydneycycleways](http://www.facebook.com/sydneycycleways).

People are encouraged to 'Smile and a little courtesy goes a long way'; 'Ring early to alert people of your presence'; 'Enjoy the journey and slow down for pets and people'; 'Give Way and keep the paths clear for everyone'. These messages are encapsulated in a slogan:

**Cool it - Bell it - Share it - Slow it**

- Jeanette Knox



A cyclist on the Glebe Foreshore Walk. Photo: Bruce Davis

# Anzac Day

## Brothers Missing in Action

When her husband died in Grimsby in England in 1908 Susannah Maltby decided to start a new life in Australia with her two young sons. She settled at 37 Francis Street on the Bishopgate Estate in Glebe. Even though the boys were barely in their early teens, they were both apprenticed to a dairy farmer on the far north coast near Lismore but Susannah stayed on in Francis Street, where she continued to live for the next nine years.

Frank was the eldest of the two boys. When the War had been going for barely six months he felt the urge to go to the aid of the mother country and enlisted in the AIF at Liverpool in Sydney. Frank was just nineteen when he joined on 9 February 1915. He was sent to a training battalion and after about four months he sailed on HMT *Ceramic* to Egypt where he undertook a short period of further training. Frank arrived at Gallipoli with the 18th Battalion on Monday 16 August 1915 and by the following Saturday he was declared missing in action. A court of enquiry was held at Tel el Kebir Egypt on 21 January 1916 and his



The 18th Battalion at Steeles Ridge Anzac Gallipoli 1915. Courtesy of National Archives of Australia.

record shows that it concluded 'it was reasonable to conclude that Private Maltby was killed in action'. No body was recovered and there is a memorial plaque for him Lone Pine Cemetery.

Just two months later Frank's mother Susannah signed a permission letter for her remaining son George to enlist and like his brother he joined up and was posted to a training battalion near Cootamundra. After just five months of training he sailed on 22 August 1916 on HMT *Wiltshire* which was destined for England. George was posted to the 17th Battalion when in England and by December 1916 he was in France as a rifleman where his battalion was sent to attack the Hindenburg Line in North east France. In early May of 1917 George, like his brother Frank, was declared missing in action near Bullecourt. A military court of enquiry was held more than six months later and the enquiry found a soldier who had been in hospital but who gave the following account: 'I was with Private Maltby on the morning of 3 May 1917 at Bullecourt. We were in an isolated position and were sniping at a German machine gun when Private Maltby was hit in the head and fell back dead. I was

wounded in the neck shortly afterwards and on my way back I was shot again and therefore remained in a shell hole for some time. I am certain he was dead.' The court concluded that George was indeed killed in action although like his brother no body was recovered. A memorial plaque remains at Bullecourt War Cemetery.

In August 1917 Susannah Maltby was granted a pension



The 18th Battalion pictured in Egypt in 1915. Wikipedia photo.

of £1.00 per fortnight in relation to Frank's death. She also received their service medals at the end of the war.

*Lest We Forget*

- Rod Holtham

### Footnote:

Tom Downey, the soldier who reported to the court of enquiry about George, was wounded in February 1917 and again alongside George in May 1917 and went on to be wounded again in July 1918. He returned safely to his home in Western Australia in May 1919.

## Hearsay

1. Overheard at the start of the 2012 Police March through Sydney as the Mounted Police horses trotted by: 'Did you know that the Mounted Police division has the highest average IQ in the NSW Police Force?'

2. Overheard at Glebe Post Office Public Rally 2011.

Glebe Society member to young constable: 'I hope you have loaded up with rubber bullets.' Young constable: 'The sound of a Champagne cork popping would disperse this lot'.

*What have you overheard lately?*  
[Email\\_editor@glebesociety.org](mailto:Email_editor@glebesociety.org)

## Memorial for David Mander-Jones

Last year the Blue Wrens Group approached the City of Sydney Council on behalf of the Glebe Society with a request that a seat be placed in Paddy Gray Reserve with a memorial plaque to commemorate David in view of his work with blue wren habitat planting, particularly in the Reserve. As convenor of the Blue Wrens Committee, David steered us through the commissioning and submission of a report on Superb Fairy-Wren Habitat in Glebe and Forest Lodge and, subsequently, the extremely successful planting day in Paddy Gray Reserve. The Reserve seemed an appropriate location, particularly with David's home being in Hereford Street.

Council advised us that it was not their policy to have plaques in parks or on seats but offered as an alternative the suggestion of planting a tree in the Reserve. Under their tree donation policy this would be listed on an online register.

Fay Mander-Jones was happy to agree to this proposal and, following recent discussions with Council Officers and Fay, we plan to submit a formal request. The cost of an advanced tree (approximately two metres in height) is \$1000. Fay and David's family will contribute to this, but we thought that other friends of David might also like to make a personal contribution.

It is hoped to have the planting one Saturday in June, with family and friends in attendance.

- Jeanette Knox

If you wish to participate, please send your donation to the Treasurer of the Glebe Society at PO Box 100, Glebe, 2037.

No form is necessary, but please accompany your donation with a brief covering note stating your name and that the money is a contribution to the David Mander-Jones memorial tree.

## Picturing Glebe

The Photo Gallery on our web site has been given a makeover. Take a look at the new Gallery under 'About Glebe' on the main website menu.

The Gallery has lots of photos of Glebe Society events, as well as groups of photos taken around our village, contributed by our members and friends. For example, Mary Hendriks has recently contributed a set of photos of Glebe and the Bays



taken while kayaking on Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays.

We have plenty of room for photos and would love to add more pictures of Glebe and Glebians. We're particularly keen to have photos of old Glebe. So, if you have anything which you think may be interest, let us know at webmaster@glebesociety.org.au.

Some thumbnails of pictures taken by Mary are reproduced below.

### Debut of the coloured e-Bulletin

It all seemed so easy. The first *Bulletin* for 2012 was also the first with coloured photos and section headings in the email and Website version. All we had to do was to prepare the coloured version and then turn it into black ink only for the printer.

In fact a lot of hard work was involved. Bruce Davis had to solve a problem with the choice of colours that worked well when converted to black and white. Then Bruce had to come up with a format suited to reading on computer screen. He eventually settled on double page spread because most computers are now sold with wide screens.

However we are still on a steep learning curve and would appreciate your comments on the 'readability' of our *e-Bulletin*.

Bruce, Phil Young and Peter Thorogood and I also had many discussions about whether members would find it easier to access the new-look *Bulletin* on our website, or whether they would prefer a PDF file to be emailed to them. In the end we settled for a bit of both!

We have had very positive feedback from our readers about the colour version, so thank you Bruce, Phil and Peter.

- Edwina Doe, *Bulletin* Editor

## Glebe Society events

### Twilight wine tasting



Members enjoy a taste of the Med. Photo: Sybil Jack

More than 50 people enjoyed wines from France, Italy and Spain on a beautiful late afternoon against the backdrop of the city skyline at the Glebe Rowing Club on Sunday 25 March. The wines encouraged the flow of conversation and meeting of new and old friends.

A young wine connoisseur, Alex Caillard, introduced us to the wines which included a most apt rosé from Provence: 'favoured by elderly French gentlemen who play pétanque (boules) from dawn to dusk'. The wine was also appreciated by Glebe's own Foreshore Walk pétanque players.

Thanks to the events group who organised this pleasant event,

particularly Carole, Di, Dorothy, Erica, Judith, Katharine, Liz, Lydia and Sherrin.

Tim Smith from Glebe Liquor did a great job in selecting the wines, organising the tasting and providing wonderful platters of food from Timbah including some hot croquettes. Tim has put together a European wine dozen at a special price for Glebe Society members following the Wine-tasting.

**Tim writes:** The Magical Mystery Tour - why travel when you can drink [responsibly!]? Enjoy a selection of wines from Italy, France, Germany, Portugal and Spain, normally \$240; for Glebe Society members \$190.

### Working bee for the Blue Wrens

Paddy Gray Reserve, between Hereford Street and Wigram Lane, beside 57 Hereford Street, 9.15 - 11.30am on Wednesday 2 May (weather permitting, otherwise Wednesday 9 May).

Join the Glebe Society's Blue Wrens Group, members from the Glebe Bushcare Group, Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery and City of

Sydney staff and contractors for a working bee at Paddy Gray Reserve (local National Tree Day site in 2010 and 2008).

If you don't want to pull out weeds and add a few infill plants, come and have morning tea with the workers anyway, at about 10.30.

- Fiona Campbell

### Glebe Voices

**Date:** Thursday 19 April  
**Time:** 6pm for 6.30pm  
**Location:** Upstairs behind the fish tanks in the Ancient Briton (AB), corner of Bridge Road and Glebe Point Road.

Richard Spencer will speak on *Do we really care? Investing in our communities*.

Richard has 20 years' experience in working with communities at a local and international level. In his most recent position as CEO of The Benevolent Society, Richard re-defined the purpose of the Society in creating caring and inclusive communities. The topic will then be open for discussion. All are welcome. There is no charge for attending and bookings are not required. A variety of snacks, meals and beverages may be purchased at the venue.

- Carole Heriman

### Mawson talk

**Sunday 29 April, 5.30 – 7pm at *Benedi*:** An illustrated talk by Grahame Budd, former Antarctic Medical Officer, about the explorer Sir Douglas Mawson. Lyn Collingwood will tell us about the history of Mawson's childhood and schooling in Glebe.

Cost \$10, includes cheese and drinks on arrival. Book by Tuesday 24 April, via the Website or using the enclosed flyer.

### Turkish experience

We are combining our visit to the Kapadokya Turkish Café, with the regular Thirsty Thursday gathering. A delicious spread of traditional Turkish home-cooked dishes will be served. BYO wine. Meet at 7 pm on Thursday, 7 June at 71 Glebe Point Road. More details in the next *Bulletin*.

## News and Notes

### Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet in restaurants in and around Glebe, usually 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 12 April** we will share an Indian meal at *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road. Note that this is the second Thursday in April, because of Easter.

On **Thursday 3 May** we will go to *Roxanne*, 39 Glebe Point Road.

And on **Thursday 7 June** we will go to *Kapadokya* Turkish Café, 71 Glebe Point Road. See page 11 for more details.

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

### Library's birthday party

Help us to celebrate Glebe Library's 15th Birthday in its current location with an evening soirée filled with music, history, community, light refreshments and of course, cake! Featuring the local stories from the COWbelles, jazz music from Barry Canham, a talk by Historian Max Solling and an exhibition of selected images from the Bernard Smith Collection.

Friday 20 April at the Glebe Library

5–5.30pm: local stories from the COWbelles

5.30–7pm: music, speeches, talk by Max Solling and birthday cake

Free Event, but bookings are essential. Book online or call 9298 3060

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### GINKGO, 166 St Johns Road

GINKGO is delighted to present Still Life Through Different Eyes, recent paintings by John Baumann and John Parsons. Please join the artists for drinks on Wednesday 4 April, 6 - 8pm.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm. 4 April to 20 April 2012 (closed Easter).

www.GINKGOartspace.com/exhibitions

### Margaret Whittaker retires

Margaret retired on 16 March from her position as 'team leader' at our Glebe Library after fifteen years of service there. Colleagues, members of the former Library Friends group, Glebe Society members, and many other friends gathered in the Fireplace Room at the Toxteth Hotel on that Friday evening to wish her well on her retirement. She has been the cheerful face and helpful personality at the library during her time there, and she will be missed.

However, as a resident of Glebe she will not be leaving us altogether and we look forward to continuing to say hello to her often when we are out and about along Glebe Point Road.

We wish you a long and satisfying retirement, Margaret.

- Jeanette Knox

### Grant for Centipede

One of the five grants awarded from the Lord Mayor's Salary Trust this month was for Centipede at Glebe School's Out & About Program (\$34,367). The grant will fund five school vacation camping trips for disadvantaged Glebe children to be run during school vacations from January 2012 to September/October 2013. The children who will benefit come from families who cannot afford to take them on holiday.

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## For your diary ...

**Saturday 31 March, 8.30pm** – Earth Hour. Switch off your lights. And put the clocks back at bedtime.

**Wednesday 11 April, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting, The Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator, Forsyth Street.

**Thursday 12 April, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

**14 – 29 April** – National Trust Heritage Festival. See page 6.

**Thursday 19 April, 6pm for 6.30pm** – upstairs at the Ancient Briton - Glebe Voices. See page 11.

**Friday 20 April, 5-7pm** – Glebe Library – The Library's 15th Birthday Party. See page 12.

**Wednesday 25 April, 7.30am** – Anzac Day service at the Glebe War Memorial.

**Sunday 29 April, 5.30-7pm** - *Benledi* – Illustrated talk on Douglas Mawson. See page 11 and flyer.

**Wednesday 2 May, 9.15-11.30am** - Blue Wrens working bee, Paddy Gray Reserve. See p11.

**Thursday 3 May, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Roxanne*, 39 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.

**Saturday 5 May** – Garage Sale Trail. See page 4.

**Wednesday 9 May, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting.

**Tuesday 15 May, 7pm** – Players in the Pub, Harold Park Hotel, 70a Ross Street. See page 7.

**Thursday 7 June, 7pm** – A Turkish Experience, *Kapadokya* Turkish Café, 71 Glebe Point Road. See page 11.

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The Society has a growing Website (www.glebesociety.org.au) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe. The Website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to [webmaster@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:webmaster@glebesociety.org.au)

### The Bulletin

We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating to the Glebe Society, within the guidelines published on our website. Write to the address above or email [editor@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:editor@glebesociety.org.au)

### Disclaimer

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### Bulletin deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of April. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday 18 April.

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