

Planning the Bays Precinct

Bureaucrats vs the community

The community representative on a Government task force charged with planning the future of the Inner-west Bays Precinct has criticised the Government agencies involved for their lack of a forward thinking vision for the precinct's future, their unwillingness to conduct a dialogue with the community, and their lack of transparency.

Professor Jane Marceau, the sole representative of the community on the task force, was speaking to about 80 people at a meeting on Wednesday 23 May, the first in Glebe of a series of meetings called by the task force to brief the community on progress, and seek community views.

In her presentation Professor Marceau contrasted the community's wishes with the demands of Government agencies.

She said that it was important that Government policy recognise that the Bays are a uniquely valuable harbourside site adjacent to the central business district of Sydney. The vision for the future of the Bays should not be 'more of the same'. Several constructive visions had been offered by community groups, most notably through the work of the Community Reference Group (CRG) in 2010, but largely ignored by Government agencies.

The Bays Precinct was now unrecognisable compared to the port that existed in the 1960s. In the future she hoped the precinct could become a model for 21st century sustainable urban living.

It could also become a hub for innovation and research, and a home for creative enterprises such as media and the arts. Given the city's position as Australia's portal to the world economy it was likely that the precinct would also attract financial institutions in addition to tourism and retail activities.

A strategic framework and a series of master plans must be developed to ensure that the future development of the Bays fitted a vision that was agreed by the community and Government, and would provide the basis for managing the change that would inevitably occur in future years.



Professor Jane Marceau addressing the Glebe meeting on 23 May. Photo: John Brooks

'Opportunities for change must be actively sought not passively awaited,' she said.

'Proper consideration must be given to the community's needs – notably open space, recreation places, employment opportunities close to home, and better public transport.

'Proper consideration must also be given to the community's ideas for each bay, and the Bays Precinct as a whole.

'Decisions on further leases and development should be deferred until the agreed principles of action are incorporated into a policy seen to be part of the future,' she said.

Professor Marceau contrasted the community's needs with what had been proposed by the Government agencies.

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What's coming soon

Friday 1 June, 7pm for 7.30pm – NAIDOC Trivia Night, Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street. See page 11.

Monday 4 June and Thursday 21 June, 6-9pm – St Scholastica's School Hall – Bays Precinct meetings. See pages 1-3.

Thursday 28 June, 6-7pm – *Waste Not* – award winning film and discussion – *Benledi*. See page 11.

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‘The government bureaucrats are demanding a clear priority for their activities regardless of whether what they want represents the best value for the State and the people of New South Wales,’ she said.

‘Sydney Ports Corporation is still expecting to control indefinitely the whole of Glebe Island, which is the heart of the precinct. Ports also claims White Bay. NSW Maritime lays claim to the other bays.

‘There is no dialogue between the agencies that refers to a joint venture involving more than one agency. Silo thinking still prevails.

‘Worse still there is no dialogue between the agencies and the community, only monologues.’

Professor Marceau questioned whether the current process would meet the aims set out by the Minister in May last year.

‘Minister Hazzard said the Government was very concerned to make sure there was appropriate consultation between the community and the Government on the very challenging issue of the future development of the Bays Precinct. He said the Government was very serious about getting consultation right, and would listen to the community to make sure we got the best result for this valuable asset – 80 ha of Sydney’s best land.

‘We now challenge the agencies to ensure that we are listened to and are a full part of all decision-making.’

Professor Marceau cited as an example of a lack of transparency by the government agencies the difficulty that the community was having in obtaining exact data on leases around the Bays. ‘Why are they unwilling to give us exact data on when leases begin and end?’ she asked. ‘Nothing can be planned

Tell the Government what you want for the Bays

Glebe meetings:

St Scholastica’s School Hall,
Avenue Road, Glebe.

Monday 4 June and Thursday 21
June, 6-9pm.

Balmain meetings:

Sydney Secondary College, Terry
Street, Balmain.

Saturday 2 June and Saturday 23
June, 2-5pm. Wednesday 6 June
and Wednesday 20 June 6-9pm.

For catering reasons, RSVP by
calling 1800 252 040.

Online:

You can also participate through
email, online or on Facebook.

seeing *ad hoc* decisions about developments in the precinct?

‘We must start negotiations about the future to build an agreed framework of action – a framework which represents the future needs and aspirations of all sides. The Government agencies cannot continue to operate as though there were no dense residential areas on the foreshores.’

Professor Marceau listed the most important principles for the future development of the Bays which had been agreed by the great majority of community groups and both local councils (see Lesley Lynch’s article on our Website (www.glebesociety.org.au/wordpress/?p=5670) for details.

These and the other principles agreed by the CRG in 2010 should be the basis of future planning decisions now and in the longer term.

A strategic plan for the Bays Precinct should be developed as a result of the task force’s work. This plan should then be developed into a series of master plans that recognised the rights of all stakeholders. There should be no more decisions about the future of the Bays until the Government adopts these plans.

Professor Marceau asked that the Government create a special governance entity for the Bays Precinct to oversee the long-term development of the precinct, ensuring respect for the CRG principles and the strategic plan in all development decisions, and act as the consent authority for the whole of the precinct to ensure that decisions are coordinated over time, that suitable infrastructure is in place, and that all stakeholders have a voice.

The task force was set up early this year by the Minister for Planning, Brad Hazzard, following lengthy deliberations by a Community Reference Group which presented its report to the Government in March 2010. Its role is to further explore

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Why are they wasting the White Bay Power Station? Photo: SFHA

without that information and despite repeated requests we don’t have it.’

She also questioned whether the agencies were making plans for a future that differs significantly from the past. She pointed to the potential for employment of the heritage-listed White Bay power station and asked: ‘Why are they jointly wasting a major asset that belongs to the people of New South Wales?’

‘Why is there no coordinated transport planning to underpin new activities in the precinct, and above all why are we still

Planning Matters

Ah, Japan at cherry blossom time! I recommend it to everyone.

Durham Court, 417 Glebe Point Road

This controversial proposal has been withdrawn. I believe this is partly a result of the changes we secured to the new CityPlan, which reduced the maximum height for the site. Most people also considered the proposal an overdevelopment, and there were many objections.

Food van in Minogue Reserve

This proposal has also been withdrawn. The Society supports the principle of mobile food vans, especially in areas near entertainment where there are no food providers nearby, and no local residents to be adversely affected. Minogue Reserve, on the corner of Glebe Point Road and Francis Street, is bang in the middle of Glebe's main food strip.

Montrose, 20 Glebe Point Road

This application for adding an additional floor to the stables at the rear of this Heritage Item and Medical Centre, mentioned in the February *Bulletin*, has also been withdrawn.

The withdrawal of three controversial proposals is clearly a vindication of the Society's approach to objections, outlined in the March *Bulletin*. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who personally objected. Your support is not only deeply appreciated, but as you can see, it is often effective.

University Motel, 25 Arundel Street

This long-derelict survival from the '50s was the subject of a Conciliation hearing by the Land and Environment Court before I left. When I gave evidence I thought it possible that the proposal, which asked for an increase in both student and motel accommodation, would be knocked back.

This was not the case. The Court approved 48 student rooms (one student per room) and 32 motel rooms (two persons per room), an increase of 12. However, the conditions imposed are very strict, and all commercial activity is forbidden. It remains to be seen if the applicant, who has had previous approvals on which he has not acted, decides to proceed.

It is a site suitable for students, just a stone's throw from the University of Sydney, but resident amenity must be protected.

Other Developments

There is no further news on major proposals, such as Harold Park or the Affordable Housing Project. Meetings were held last January, organised (not by us) on the assumption the DAs were imminent. I would question the wisdom of holding meetings in January to discuss proposals which might not be reported on for many months. In my view the effect is corrosive, because

it raises people's expectations without fulfilling them, and asks them to take actions that are likely to be too early and hence ineffective.

The Society's approach has always been to hold meetings as part of a campaign that take us right up to the time a decision is made. This is the wisest and most productive course, and one I think we should continue to observe.

Development Control Plan 2010

Development Control Plans complement Local Environment Plans by including the detailed, local and environmental controls. On Monday 7 May, Council's Planning Committee considered a raft of amendments suggested by residents, and approved them all, including strengthening the Heritage controls in the Locality Statements for Conservation Areas such as Glebe. Glebe will benefit considerably from these amendments, which reinforce the LEP that council has already approved.

These Plans now go to the Department of Planning for consideration, and we do not know whether they will be further amended or when they will be gazetted. In the meantime the City will follow up matters arising, such as, in the case of Glebe, assessment of additional Heritage Items we have proposed for inclusion.

- Neil Macindoe

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the issues, ideas, opportunities and constraints that have emerged about the precinct, establish stakeholder priorities, and finalise a vision that will be 'useful for the Minister in future decision-making'.

The task force, which comprises mainly government agencies with an interest in the Bays Precinct plus representatives of Sydney City Council and Leichardt Council, has

been directed to report to the Government by 30 July this year.

The community consultation began with a meeting in Balmain on 16 May, repeated in Balmain (19 May) and Glebe (23 May). This is the first of three rounds of consultation. The second and third rounds, in which the community will have further opportunity to present its views, will be held in June. (See box on previous page.)

More information?

Reports of the meetings will be posted on the Sydney Harbour Authority Website. Visit www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/baysprecinct.

To participate in online forums go to www.thebaysprecinct.net.au and Facebook.



Letters to the Editor

John Street Reserve – not as scary as you might think!

The article in the April/May *Bulletin* (3/2012) concerning a possible community garden in John Street Reserve includes a number of misunderstandings, both about what Council has proposed and what community gardens are about.

The article asserts that Council has approved a design for a ‘fenced off’ area for ‘18 large brick/timber plots for a community garden’. This is not correct. Council’s resolution, as part of the park upgrade, is essentially a statement that this community land could be used as a community garden if there are local people interested in that. Council does not design or construct community gardens. Instead, a group of interested locals forms a management group which together develops a design and plans the construction and management approach for a community garden. To achieve their plans they need to apply for funding under the Council’s Matching Grants program.

There is no necessity for a community garden to be fenced and garden beds don’t have to be rectangular. The only necessity is that there must be public access. Even more importantly, the community garden may not involve individual plots. There are many types of community garden, as described in Council’s policy. The option most appropriate to a small area such as this is ‘where the entire garden is managed collectively’ (Council policy), with participants who contribute to the planting and maintenance able to harvest the vegetables and herbs that are grown.

The article is also unduly pessimistic about the appropriate location for community gardens generally, and

the reason why people might be interested. In suggesting that community gardens are suitable for ‘bleak underutilised spaces’ and aimed at providing ‘food support for people genuinely in need’ it undersells the community garden movement to a very large degree. The City of Sydney alone currently has 15 community gardens, and these are by no means all in ‘bleak underutilised spaces’. And the reasons why people may wish to be involved in a community garden are much more varied and positive. They include:

- * an interest in gardening as such, for people whose small or overshadowed gardens are not suitable for vegetable gardening in particular,
- * participating in a healthy outdoor activity, suitable for people of all ages,
- * an appreciation of freshly-picked vegetables,
- * a concern about ‘food miles’ and desire to contribute to the local production of food,
- * a wish to limit food waste, for example by being able to pick just the amount of herbs that one needs,
- * a desire to introduce children, or grandchildren, to the pleasure of planting and growing, and to help them understand where food comes from and
- * a desire to participate in a community-based activity where people work collaboratively and learn from each other.

It is certainly true that Council’s process in this instance was unfortunate, and that community consultation should have taken place before, and not after, the proposal went to Council. However, if local residents could contemplate getting involved, they would be able to design a community garden, and determine its operation, to suit their own needs.

Realistically though, one would have to say that the chances of a community garden being created in John Street Reserve are slight indeed. It would be an intrepid potential gardener who would put up their hand to be involved when so much suspicion and hostility exists. However, for the less-than-intrepid gardener all is not lost. The option of creating a community garden in the grassed area between *Benledi* and St Helen’s is currently being explored. An initial meeting for local residents was held on Sunday 27 May, to gauge the level of interest. If you are interested but missed the meeting, contact me, or Nick Hesper in the Council’s One Stop Shop at Glebe Library.

- Jan Macindoe



Woolloomooloo Community Garden - one of the oldest in City of Sydney

Community gardens

It saddened me to read in the three pages devoted to the John Street Reserve, that The Friends of John Street Reserve saw a **community garden** as ‘vegetable gardens of a select few’. Perhaps they should arrange a visit to other community gardens to see the positive impact they have socially for large numbers of people. Surely the word community indicates inclusiveness.

In my submission to Council I used the very words ‘whole community’ to indicate who the beneficiaries of such a garden would be.

Yours sincerely,

Karin Viles

From the terraces

Public Consultation Paper on a National Heritage Strategy

The Heritage Subcommittee is preparing a submission on the draft National Heritage Strategy released by the omnibus Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

The aim of the Strategy will be to highlight the importance of heritage to all Australians and provide a common direction for the recognition, protection, commemoration and celebration of heritage across Australia over the next decade.

One of the issues the Society will be addressing in its submission is the persistent reduction of funding for Heritage at both the Commonwealth and State level, as well as reductions in funding to community heritage groups.

Submissions are due by mid June 2012 and we will report more fully when our submission is finalised.

Skyscapes: Towers, turrets & tourelles¹

Glebe, despite its lack of pretension, offers some astonishing and anachronistic architectural sights if we are prepared to take our chances with dog poo on the footpaths and LOOK UP!

We are all familiar with church bell-towers that pay homage to the age-old ecclesiastical tradition of summoning the faithful to prayer. Cyril Blacket's Bell Tower beside St Johns Bishopthorpe (Edmund Blacket/Horbury Hunt, 1870) dates from as recently as 1911 and Smith describes it as beautifully related to the site².

But towers in a domestic setting? One would have thought that it was hardly necessary to have a tower, conventionally defined as defensive, in Glebe! More likely it was a statement from another era about

how the owner perceived his or her place in society. Thus I imagine Sir George Wigram Allen, having newly inherited *Toxteth Park*, summoning his architect George Mansfield and ordering a tower, along with another storey and other Italianate additions to 'enhance' John Verge's elegantly simple masterpiece.



Oswestry, 234 Glebe Point Road. Photos from the Glebe Society Website.

Another domestic tower is evident around the back of the *Valhalla* in Hereford Street at *Rosebank*. Smith³ suggests that *Rosebank*'s owner, the merchant Walter Scott, might have sought to emulate the *Toxteth Park* tower. It is on a smaller scale, with battlements (always handy in the rowdy Kingdom of Middle Glebe). The *Rosebank* tower rather lacks the elegant detailing of the *Toxteth Park* tower but both date from 1880.

A stroll down Glebe Point Road reveals handsome Federation turrets and/or tourelles at No 234 (*Oswestry*), No 242 (*Lasswade*) and No 244 (*Hartford*). When first built, these architectural details must have



Lasswade, 242 Glebe Point Road

made a strong statement on the street and it could be argued that *Lasswade*, with its corner setting, still does. In recent years, hedges and trees have lessened the impact of these features at *Oswestry* and *Hartford*.

Also, we recommend you check out Allen Street and Arcadia Road on your turret hunt.

Michael Chapman (1822-1906)

Michael Chapman, one-time Glebe resident, has achieved an entry in the Dictionary of Sydney:

http://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/chapman_michael.

Doubtless we are all aware of Chapman Road (on the Annandale side of Bicentennial Park) and have puffed our way up the curving sandstone Chapman Steps, just along from Officeworks on Parramatta Road.

These landmarks commemorate Michael Chapman, painter and paperhanger, who was also a magistrate, mayor (variously of Glebe and Sydney) and politician.

The entry in the Dictionary of Sydney notes that Michael Chapman resided at 55 Hereford Street, Glebe, in *Cloyne Lodge*, named for his birthplace in Ireland. We know that Hereford Street has undergone re-numbering on several occasions and *Historic Glebe* notes that No.75, a detached stone farmhouse in the Victorian Regency style, is thought to be Michael Chapman's house.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

1 *Tourelle*: A turret which is corbelled out from a wall, often at the corner of a building. It is usually finished with a steep conical or pyramidal roof.

2 Smith, Bernard and Kate, *The Architectural Character of Glebe*, Sydney University Press, 1989, p 50

3 *ibid*, p 62

Heritage conversations

The Heritage subcommittee has started the first of a series of conversations with Heritage agencies and groups. Last month we visited the NSW Heritage Office, which maintains the State Heritage Register and is executive to the NSW Heritage Council. Buildings, sites and items must be of State significance for listing and once listed there are benefits and duties conferred upon owners and custodians.

We discussed the serious decline in heritage funding, the changed public service approach to assets, the role of community organisations, the process of gaining listing, ways to improve heritage databases and the heritage network.



Hereford House, 53 Hereford Street

It is very clear that Federal funding for heritage and related advocacy groups has declined by tens of millions annually. At the state level the Heritage Office has been absorbed into the Department of Planning and staff is reduced by 25%. It is too early to know how efficient this merger will be, but **Peter Spearitt** * observes that this sort of action has historically diminished influence. This, and the lessening custodial role of government agencies, accentuates the need for an increased role for community organisations. For ex-

* *Peter Spearitt, Professor of History, University of Queensland. See www.environment.gov.au/heritage/strategy/documents.html*

ample by any objective measure the NSW Department of Housing has inadequately maintained the fabric of the Glebe Estate. The Estate represents significant heritage stock and its rescue during the 'age of demolition' was social history in action.

The Heritage Office executives accepted the legitimacy and intentions of The Glebe Society and took time to explain the way the current heritage system actually works. They were surprised to note that Glebe had only 11 properties (see box) on the NSW Register and agreed that some of these seemed arguably less worthy than others that do not appear. Virtually all those currently on the list were the subject of Permanent Conservation Orders dating back to the '70s and '80s. We received good advice on how to go about identifying and recommending notations for the registry and it was emphasised that a first step is to gain the owner's or custodian's agreement to commence any process. They also explained the tiered structure



Sze Yup Temple and Joss House, Edward Street. Photos from the Glebe Society Website.

of heritage databases in Australia and agreed that each tier's quality can be improved by suggested corrections by community organisations. They helped us understand the network of agencies and have introduced us to our next conversation at the City of Sydney.



Bellevue, 55-57 Leichhardt Street, after being restored.

Since then we have worked on a submission for the Australian Heritage Strategy that incorporates the above, held discussions with City of Sydney executives and some owners of potential state heritage sites in Glebe.

Are you surprised that some sites you thought were listed do not appear? Let me know what they are and why they should be on the State Register. As always, if you have any ideas about heritage please contact me at vice-president@glebesociety.com.au

- John Gray

Glebe's listed properties

Bellevue, 55-57 Leichhardt Street

Glebe Railway Viaduct

Hereford House, 53 Hereford Street

Lyndhurst, 61 Darghan Street

Monteith, 266 Glebe Point Road

Pymont and Glebe Railway Tunnels

Reussdale, 160 Bridge Road

Rothwell Lodge and Factory, 24 Ferry Road

Sze Yup Temple and Joss House, Edward Street

Tranby, 13 Mansfield Street

University Hall and Cottages, 281-185 Broadway

Who lived in your street?

When researching the history of Sydney New Theatre, where Les Tanner was a performer, designer, director and committee member, Lyn Collingwood was reminded of a Glebe Public School kindergarten photograph. This prompted the following article.

Les Tanner (1927–2001)

One of Australia's best-known Press cartoonists for over 40 years, Leslie Mervyn Tanner was born on 15 June 1927 when his parents were living at 12 Reuss Street Glebe. Suffering from dysentery, he was not expected to survive longer than six months. During the Depression years he was educated at Glebe Public School. He then attended demonstration school North Newtown Intermediate and Randwick High. ('I was known as a bit of a show-off. I would illustrate my compositions.')

* Les's mother was a cousin of comedian George Wallace and his 'Uncle Billy' a props maker for Cinesound. Aged 12, Les was an extra in the Wallace/Cinesound feature *Gone to the Dogs*. He also appeared in *Our Gang* and *Forty Thousand Horsemen*.

From the age of five Les drew caricatures of his parents and visitors. His parents had no artistic ability but he was encouraged to draw by Uncle Billy and there were always papers and journals in the Tanner household: *Smith's Weekly*, *Women's Weekly*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Sun*. Second cousin George Wallace was a talented caricaturist and landscape painter.

Les left school at age 15 and had several odd jobs including packing at Woolworths and making lavatory seats ('I wasn't too keen on that because a number of men had fingers missing') before joining the *Daily Telegraph* as a printer's devil in 1942. He was transferred to the art department and began studying at the Julian Ashton School. ('I'd

* First person quotes are from a 1998 interview with Les Tanner, recorded for the National Library of Australia's Oral History Program.



Les Tanner, ca 1972

never seen a naked model, but my first life class turned out to be an Indonesian seaman fully dressed'). At age 18 he was sent to Japan to work on the occupation force's newspaper *BCON* as a cartoonist. On returning to Australia he illustrated for the magazine *AM* and the *Daily* and *Sunday Telegraph*. He also joined the Communist Party and acted and designed for Sydney's New Theatre (ASIO agents recorded his activities) until 1956. He was a talented actor, particularly in comedy. In 1949 he married Margaret Florence King ('Peg') who taught acting at the New. In 1952 Peg was wardrobe mistress and Les designer and actor in *The Candy Store* which played underground to an audience of striking oil shale miners at Glen Davis.

After spending 1960 in London as a 'joke artist' on the *Daily Sketch*, Tanner joined the *Bulletin* as art director. In 1967 Sir Frank Packer took umbrage against Tanner's depiction of Victorian Premier Sir Henry Bolte in an article on

capital punishment and pulped the entire issue. Tanner then moved to Melbourne to work as chief political cartoonist on the *Age*, a position he held until his retirement in 1997. He wrote a popular weekly column *Tanner With Words*. Among the illustrators he most admired were the Australian Wep (Bill Pidgeon) and the Englishman Ronald Searle.

Tanner's awards included 1960 'Cartoonist of the Year', Walkleys in 1962 and 1965, and a Golden Quill in 1999 for lifetime achievement in the arts. A 60-a-day smoker, he had a laryngectomy ('Weary Dunlop cut my throat') and a heart transplant. He died on 23 July 2001.

Les's parents were Lilian and 'Jack' (John Cecil 1900-55) Tanner who met while working in a Leeton canning factory (where Lilian led a strike) and who married at Narrandera in 1923. His paternal grandparents were Mary Ann née Guest and William Edwin Tanner, Protestants who wed at Blayney in 1900. (Jack's siblings were Doris Edith (1898-1970) and Arthur Leslie (1903-59). A sister Gladys died at birth in 1902.) Putting up his age to 18 and giving his occupation as a carter, Jack enlisted in World War 1. He embarked in July 1917 on the *Port Melbourne* but was diagnosed with a hernia in Cairo and shipped back home three months later. Before moving to Glebe the married couple lived with John's widowed mother who ran a boarding house at 105 Pitt Street Redfern. Les's father described himself as a 'newspaper publisher' but in reality he was a permanent casual labourer who bundled up newspapers and threw them onto trucks for delivery to newsagents. In 1940 he enlisted in the

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army, served in the Middle East and was discharged a lance corporal in June 1945. At the time of his death he was living at Bondi.

Les's mother Lilian Iris (1904– ca 96) was born in Sydney to John Patrick Rogan and Ethel née Scott who had married in 1898. Ethel's sister Catherine married George Stephenson Wallace; by the 1920s their son George was one of Australia's best known and highest paid vaudevillians. Convent educated and a 'lapsed Catholic', Lilian was, like her husband, strongly pro-Labor and a fervent supporter of Jack Lang. A voracious reader, she belonged to the Grace Brothers Lending Library and the Glebe School of Arts Library (a favourite book was Patrick White's first novel *Happy Valley*). During her husband's wartime absence she worked as a caterer's waitress: 'she'd do anything to get out of the house'.

Les's heritage on his father's side was Irish. Great-great grandfather William Tanner (1827-1900) from Bandon, County Cork, was a member of the 11th (North Devonshire) Regiment of Foot, the first occupiers of Sydney's Victoria Barracks. He arrived on the *Castle Eden* in 1845 and remained in Sydney after the regiment returned home in 1857. He married twice and had 15 children. His eldest was William Edwin (1850-1928) born to first wife Ann née Goodfellow (1831-58), also Irish. William senior, together with his sons, was licensee of several hotels in the Orange district and for a number of years a policeman at Blackheath. The family's pubs included 'Tanner's Telegraph Hotel' in Orange, the Commercial Hotel in Guyong and the Club House Hotel in Orange.

Les's great grandfather William Edwin, first mayor of Molong and in 1892 mayor of Orange, in 1871

married Catherine 'Kate' Archer (1843-1917) who had arrived in Sydney aboard the *Agincourt* in 1848. Her parents Frederick Francis Archer and Mary née Marvin, like many of the ship's assisted immigrants, were lacemakers from Calais fleeing revolutionary France. Frederick Archer became police commissioner in the Bathurst district. Kate and William Tanner had eight children whose births were registered at Orange, Molong and Carcoar: William Edwin (1872-1914), Alice Mary (born 1874), Bertram Frederick (1876-1917), Albert Edgar (1878-1955), Harold Victor (1881-1956), Ada Maud (1884-91), Cecil Alfred (1886-1962) and Hilda Kathleen (1888-1947). William Edwin senior died on 7 May 1928, having outlived members of his immediate family. His oldest child, Les's grandfather, died aged 42 on 2 September 1914, his second son Bertram aged 41 in an English hospital from war wounds on 15 February 1917, and his wife aged 69 on 11 August the same year.

- Lyn Collingwood

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Western Advocate 23 January 1892

Folk Magic Lecture

The veil of secrecy surrounding the use of folk magic to protect Australians and their houses in the period 1788–1935 will be lifted during a lecture at the Museum of Sydney on 24 June.

Dr Ian Evans, a former resident of Glebe and the author of numerous books on the history and conservation of old houses, has uncovered some startling new information on a ritual that is thought to be thousands of years old. It came to Australia as part of the cultural baggage of convicts and settlers and survived in great secrecy into the jazz age.

Previously unknown to Australian historians, the ritual involved the concealment in sealed voids in houses and other buildings of old shoes, worn-out garments, dead cats and a variety of domestic artefacts.



These objects, intended to decoy evil spiritual beings away from people, have been found in more than a hundred and twenty houses and other buildings throughout Australia and comprise the material culture of a ritual that is nowhere recorded in the documentary archive.

Dr Evans is the author of numerous books on the history and conservation of old Australian houses. His folk magic research has so far taken more than six years and has resulted in the award of a PhD from the University of Newcastle.

His talk at the Museum of Sydney, on the corner of Bridge and Phillip Streets, at 2pm on 24 June is free with Museum admission.

For further information contact Ian Evans on 6684 7677 or via email evansthebook@gmail.com.

Mawson Centenary Year

Sir Douglas Mawson - a presentation by Grahame Budd

About 50 people went to *Benledi* on Sunday evening 29 April to hear Lyn Collingwood and Grahame Budd talk about the great Antarctic explorer Douglas Mawson who, along with Frank Hurley, spent his formative years in Glebe.

Both speakers were very entertaining and knowledgeable, and in addition Grahame's talk was accompanied by Hurley's spectacular photos, delivered by our newly acquired data projector (which will soon be paid for if we continue to attract this kind of audience).

Lyn talked about Mawson's family and Grahame dealt with Mawson's four expeditions, including his friendships and professional relationships with Edgeworth David and Shackleton, not to mention his courtship of his future wife, Paquita.

See some of Grahame's quotes on this page.

This presentation was originally intended to be part of Heritage Week, but we missed the deadline and although the National Trust said they would advertise it on their website, I couldn't find it.

Continuing the Mawson Centenary celebrations, Grahame will give another audio/visual presentation, Antarctic Adventures: from Mawson to present day, on a Sunday evening at the end of October. I have no doubt we will attract another big crowd.

- Neil Macindoe



Grahame Budd pointing at the Ross Sea map.
Photo: Bruce Davis

Edgeworth David's diary, during journey to South Magnetic Pole:

'A three-man sleeping bag, where you are wedged in more or less tightly against your mates, where all snore and shin one another and each feels on waking that he is more shinned against than shining, is not conducive to real rest.'

Peter Fitzsimons: Mawson and the Ice men of the Heroic Age (2011), page 103.

Edgeworth David's tribute to Mawson, in a reception at Sydney University:

'In all sincerity and without the pride that apes humility, I say that Mawson was the real leader and was the soul of our expedition to the magnetic pole. We really have in him an Australian Nansen, of infinite resource, splendid physique, astonishing indifference to frost.' **Philip Ayres: Mawson a Life (1999), page 29**

See *Bulletin* 3/2005, P10: *Who lived in your street - Sir Douglas Mawson*, by Ian Edwards.

And see *Bulletin* 3/2008, p7: *Captain James Frances Hurley, OBE*, by Rod Holtham.

Paquita: Mawson, obliged to remain in Antarctica for a second year after he had barely survived the disastrous sledging journey in which his two companions had died (and his own hair had fallen out), felt it was unfair to hold his fiancée Paquita to her marriage commitment for an additional year. So he radioed the following message to her:

'Deeply regret delay. Only just managed reach hut. Effects now gone but lost my hair. You are free to consider your contract.'

To his great relief, Paquita radioed back: 'Deeply thankful you are safe. Warmest welcome awaiting your hairless return. Regarding contract, same as ever only more so.'

Beau Riffenburgh: Shackleton's Forgotten Expedition (2008), page 160.

Frank Hurley – a Lecture/Entertainment by Robert Dixon.

From Antarctica to the Tropics, Frank Hurley photographed human life in extreme conditions, including what people wore, or didn't. The shows Hurley put on at the height of his fame in the 1910s and 1920s were stage and screen performances exploiting a number of media: he called them 'synchronised lecture entertainments'.

As a part of History Week, Robert Dixon, Professor of Australian Literature at the University of Sydney, who has recently published a book about Hurley's shows, will provide his own 'synchronised lecture entertainment' in Glebe, the suburb where Hurley was born in 1885.

At *Benledi*, Sunday 16 September, 5.30 – 7.30pm.

Working Bee in Paddy Gray Reserve

On Wednesday 2 May, a perfect autumnal day, 25 people joined forces in Paddy Gray Reserve to plant 450 locally sourced and propagated native grasses, scramblers, vines and shrubs, donated by the Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery. The event was organised by members of the Glebe Society's Blue Wrens Group who provided a delicious morning tea. The team also consisted of the Glebe Bushcare Group which works on Wednesdays on sites in the Glebe Point area, a few locals and workers from Toola Jooa, the Bushcare company working in this and other parks in Glebe. Nick Criniti, Council's Contract Coordinator (Parks) who has seen the transformation of this park since 2008 and Rae Broadfoot, Council's newly appointed Community Gardens and Volunteer co-ordinator also attended.

Rae outlined her bushcare and coast-care background in the Newcastle area and gave a little talk about native grasses – their importance in preventing soil erosion, aerating the soil, providing a home for insects and safe foraging opportunities for small birds while creating that critical 'third layer' essential to habitat.

A few days later, on 7 May, when the Environment and Heritage Committee of Council adopted the *Greening Sydney Policy*, Paddy Gray and Lew Hoad Reserves were added to a list of larger parks as examples of 'What We Have Achieved' under the heading of 'Habitat Creation'. This is a significant recognition for these little parks associated with the Blue Wren Corridor!

- Jan Craney



Some of the Working Bee team. Photo taken by a passer-by

Bulletin Editor

I have been the editor of the Glebe Society *Bulletin* since February 2003, and have decided that ten years is about right for the Glebe Society and for me. I will continue until *Bulletin* 10/2012 and then step down. Meanwhile, I look forward to receiving and publishing your contributions.

A small Communications working group will be set up to deal with

future overall strategy including the *Bulletin* and communication more generally. Potential members are Bruce Davis, Jan Macindoe, Liz Simpson-Booker, Bill Simpson-Young, Phil Young and myself.

Please let me know if you would like to join them (editor@glebesociety.org.au).

- Edwina Doe

Are you good at games?

The Wentworth Park Community Games, in which Glebe and Forest Lodge face off against the old enemy, Ultimo and Pyrmont, for the honour of holding the GUP Cup will be held in the park that both divides and unites in October this year.

Despite the fact that Glebe has won all but one of the games since their inception our friends from across the park have usually carried the lion's share of the work in organising the event.

This year we are hoping to add some fresh ideas, particularly new events for young people. Although most members of the organising committee are young in heart, we could do with some ideas from younger members of the community.

We think this is an area in which Glebe could shine, and thus redress the geographic imbalance in organising this popular community event. If you can help, please contact me (9660 7873 or brucejdavis@gmail.com).

Of course the family pooches will remain the stars of the day, no matter how good your ideas are!

- Bruce Davis

Grant for Glebe PCYC

The City has boosted youth services in Glebe with a \$400,000 grant to give young people alternatives to hanging around on the streets late at night.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP said the Glebe Youth Service had provided casework, advocacy, education programs and job training, a drop-in centre and other services to 12-24-year-olds in Glebe for a quarter of a century.

City of Sydney media release

Glebe Society events

'Welcome to New Members' evening

Behind the microphone: Deborah Cameron tells tales about local radio!

Deborah Cameron, former ABC 702 Radio morning presenter and journalist, will talk about her work in radio, and her new role in 'community consultation'.

Come along to welcome our new members and listen to a fascinating talk in a 'pub atmosphere' on Black Friday, enjoying drinks and hot food afterwards.

Friday 13 July 6-8pm, Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street. (Note that the date has been changed.)

Cost: \$20 per person.
(New members - joining since August 2011 - no charge.)

Book online now using the Glebe Society website or complete the flyer in the next *Bulletin*.

- Dorothy Davis

Meet the Mayoral Candidates

It has been our practice over many years for the Society to arrange for presentations to be made to the Glebe community by candidates going forward for election at federal, state and local government levels. The next election will be for local government and will be held on Saturday 8 September. For Glebe that means elections for the Lord Mayor and Councillors for the City of Sydney Council.

Although nominations will not be confirmed until August 8 we have started planning for a Glebe Society Meet the Mayoral Candidates session – we expect in the week commencing August 20. We will confirm details closer to the time.

- Mairéad Browne

Waste Not

Come along to a screening of an award-winning documentary film from the Total Environment Centre

Thursday 28 June, 6-7.30pm, at Benledi, next to Glebe Library.

Explore how recycling will play a big role in transitioning Australians to a sustainable future.



The 25 minute film will be followed by a talk from Mark McKenzie, Waste Strategy Manager for the City of Sydney. Glebe Society member Alice Simpson-Young will also say a few words about the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, of which she is a member.

Refreshments will be served following the presentations.

This is a free Glebe Society event, but donations at the door will be welcome. **Bookings essential by Friday 22 June.** Email environment@glebesociety.org.au or phone 9660 0208.



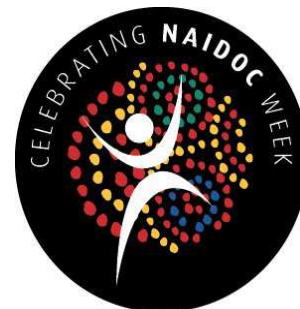
Tree planting, Saturday 23 June

Thankyou to those who have contributed to the tree that we are donating in memory of David Mander-Jones. The planting will be done by Council in Paddy Gray Reserve on Saturday 23 June at 11am and will be followed by refreshments.

Please come along and share this occasion with Fay and her family.

Trivia Night

Fundraiser for NAIDOC Week



We are setting up a Glebe Society Table for the Trivia Night at the Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street, on Friday 1 June, 7pm for 7.30pm.

\$15 a head, with proceeds to help fund NAIDOC Week events in Glebe in July.

Please contact me by email (rkemis@internode.on.net) before 29 May if you would like to be included on our table. Everyone is welcome!

- Robyn Kemmis

NAIDOC Week 1-8 July

Glebe's NAIDOC Week events will include a Corroboree night, a Family Day and the Elders Lunch.

A Turkish Experience: Kapadokya Turkish Café

We are combining this function with the regular Thirsty Thursday gathering on 7 June at 7pm.

\$30 per person covers shared mezze plates, traditional Turkish home-cooked dishes, sweets, tea or coffee and the BYO fee. Numbers are limited, so please put your name on Edwina's list now (edwinadoc@optusnet.com.au or 9660 7066) and also confirm your booking by Monday 4 June.

- Dorothy Davis

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

On **Thursday 5 July** we will go to *Fountain 77* at 77 Glebe Point Road.

And on **Thursday 2 August** we will go to *Lien* Vietnamese Malaysian Restaurant, 331 Glebe Point Road.

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 recent Management Committee meetings:

- * Roslyn Burge
- * Greg Dwyer
- * Cynthia Nadai
- * Gail Robertson
- * Jennifer Walker

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

Players in the Pub

The next moved reading in our new home is a contemporary comedy *Unsolicited Male* by Sydney stand-up comedian turned legal practitioner and playwright Tony Laumberg. It is directed by Richard Cotter who has worked with Tony on a string of theatrical hits.

Tuesday 5 June, 7pm, upstairs at the Harold Park Hotel, 70A Ross Street Glebe. Free admission.

Mine host Will Ryan is opening the kitchen for orders from 5.30 pm. The menu includes 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.

Other dates for your diary are 17 July and 21 August.

- Lyn Collingwood

e-waste drop-off day, 3 June

Do you have broken TVs, monitors, computers and mobile phones that you no longer want or need? If you are a City of Sydney resident, you can recycle them for free by dropping them off at our quarterly e-waste recycling days. No booking is required.

Collection date: Sunday 3 June. Bay Street Depot, Corner of Bay and Macarthur Streets Ultimo (entry through Macarthur Street only).

For more information see: <http://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/9002-e-waste-drop-off-days-recycle-your-tvs-computers-more>

Australia's Stained Glass: the Scottish Heritage

Glebe Society members who are interested in stained glass might like to go to an illustrated talk by the author of Australia's Historic Stained Glass, Dr Beverley Sherry. Scotland was a leader in the nineteenth-century revival of stained glass, and artists who trained there, especially in the Glasgow area, emigrated to Australia and established firms of their own.

Friday 29 June, 1-2pm, in the John Woolley Building (near the Parramatta Road footbridge), in Room S325. All welcome. See http://sydney.edu.au/arts/celtic_studies/about/events/index.shtml.

- Margaret Sheppard

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For your diary ...

- Friday 1 June, 7pm for 7.30pm** – NAIDOC Trivia Night, Harold Park Hotel, Ross Street. See page 11.
- Sunday 3 June** – E-waste drop off day, Bay Street Depot, Macarthur Street. See page 12.
- Monday 4 June, 6-9pm** – St Scholastica's School Hall – Bays Precinct meeting. See pages 1-3.
- Thursday 7 June, 7pm** – A Turkish Experience, *Kapadokya* Turkish Café, 71 Glebe Point Road. See page 11.
- Wednesday 13 June, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. Note change of venue.
- Thursday 21 June, 6-9pm** – St Scholastica's School Hall – Bays Precinct meeting. See pages 1-3.
- Thursday 28 June, 6-7pm** – *Waste Not* – award winning film and discussion - *Benledi*. See page 11.
- Sunday 1 - Sunday 8 July** – NAIDOC Week. See the Glebe Society Website for details.
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- Thursday 2 August, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday – *Lien*, 331 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.
- Wednesday 8 August, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Sunday 26 August, 11am** – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, *Benledi*..

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Website

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

The Bulletin

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

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