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Johnston's Creek looking upstream.

Photo: Bruce Davis

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# Glebe

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Planning for the future of a familiar area with a new name ...

## Johnstons Creek Parklands

The City of Sydney Council has commenced a consultation process with local residents concerning the Johnstons Creek parklands. There has been a series of workshops with local residents, and the main one for Glebe was held at St Scholastica's College on 27 June.

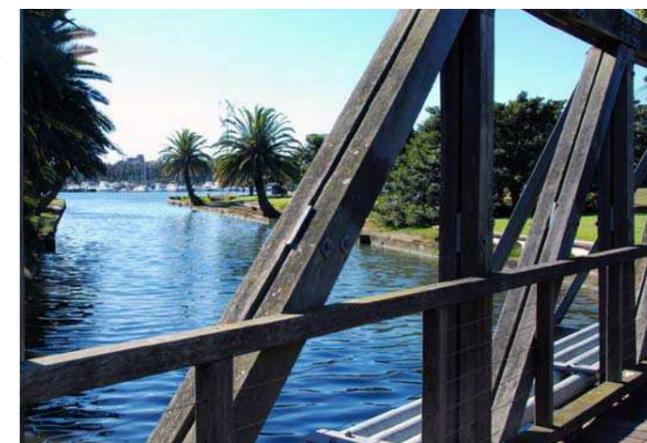
As explained on the City's website:

'The City is developing a master plan for the parklands at Johnstons Creek. The master plan aims to link the existing parks near Glebe Fore-shore – Bicentennial, Federal and Jubilee – with future open space at The Crescent in Annandale, the area between Bicentennial Park and Harold Park known as 'the Hill' and new parklands and community space that will be part of the Harold Park development.

'The master plan will plan for recreational, community and sporting facilities as well as other essential infrastructure such as toilets and parking. It will guide future improvements for walking and cycling connections along with landscaping and biodiversity, stormwater management and heritage values. As the Harold Park development takes shape, this project aims to address increasing demand for these facilities in the future.'

This was a well-run workshop with a large attendance (about 100, I think). There was plenty of opportunity for expression of a range of views. I would regard this as very important, because the area involved is so large, and capable of including such a diversity of use. Moreover, although the main focus was on the new areas of open space, there was also a lot of discussion of existing areas and how they could be improved, and how they related to the new areas. Generally the feeling was positive and the debate lively.

From what I gleaned from my own table, from talking to those at other tables, and from the plenary sessions, the range of uses proposed was wide, especially for areas that were topographically distinct, such as the Hill. For example, some people want



Johnstons Creek has given its name to a large area of parkland along Glebe's foreshore. Photo: Bruce Davis

the Hill to be removed, and others want it to remain a feature. My own table had a Hockey Club representative, who argued strongly for a playing field, and I think we can assume there will be a substantial increase in space for organised sport, and also other organised activities. However, there was also a lot of support for less formal activities and passive recreation, so I think we can look forward to a mixture, with enough separation to ensure one use does not impinge on the other.

Council is proposing a further meeting later this year to report on the consultation, which includes other submissions as well as those from the Workshop. Later still there will be a draft proposal for all the parklands, when we will have a further opportunity to comment prior to a final proposal to be sent to Council. The entire process should take about a year, and this seems reasonable given the size of the project. I would imagine implementation would then take place over a number of years, and making sure the priorities are right, and Council sticks to its timetable, will continue to be concerns for the Society.

- Neil Macindoe

### What's coming soon

**Sunday 29 July** – National Tree Planting Day in Glebe. See page 14.

**Tuesday 21 August, 7-9pm** – Meet the Mayoral Candidates, Glebe Public School, Derwent Street.

**Sunday 26 August, 11am-1pm** – Glebe Society AGM, *Benledi*.

# Planning Matters

## Harold Park pre-meeting discussion

As with Council's Area Updates there was an opportunity to talk to Council staff for 30 minutes at the beginning, and I had a valuable discussion with the planners about Harold Park. At this time it was still not certain the DA would come before the July 26 meeting of the Central Sydney planning Committee, because the Traffic Micro-simulation Report was not complete. This became available on 20 July, and all members for whom we had email addresses were sent the full DA Report.

I also raised the issue of access to the Mirvac site during the prolonged period of construction, as well as the need to have access to the dedicated Open Space across the site. If you look at the plans you will see the Council is relying on the new roads to be constructed as part of the development for access, especially from Forest Lodge and the southern parts of Annandale, but it is unclear how many of these will be built in the early stages. We raised these issues at our last meeting with Mir-

vac, but this year there have been no meetings with them because the DAs seemed imminent.

Of course, this issue is the result of the proposed configuration of the Open Space and pattern of development, and we are still trying to get both of these improved and the height of buildings lowered. I also raised the issue of the need for the provision of amenities until the renovation of the Tramsheds made their use possible.

## Harold Park Development Application

By the time you read this, the Stage 1 DA for Harold Park will already have come before the Central Sydney Planning Committee. Unfortunately it was not possible to include comment in the *Bulletin* for reasons explained above. I am writing this planning report on 22 July, so I can reassure you the Society is intending to maintain its position at the Committee in four days time. We will also raise a number of environmental issues that have not been adequately addressed. There will be a

full report of the results of the CSPC Meeting in the August *Bulletin*.

## Pubs in Glebe Point Road

The application by the Ancient Briton for outdoor seating has been refused. Last month I reported that the application for outdoor seating for the Toxteth had also been refused. However, the applicant has now asked for a review. The Society has renewed its objection. If you previously objected, it would be wise to renew yours as well.

## Planning Review Green Paper

This is now available. It seems to have been concocted by the Department of Planning without much reference to Tim Moore and Ron Dyer who conducted the Review. The public can comment on the Green Paper until September 14.

The Society has formed a group to discuss the best response, and there will certainly be further comment in the next *Bulletin*, as well as discussion at the AGM.

- Neil Macindoe

## From the Terraces - Georgian or Regency?

At our recent New Members' Night (see page 11) the quiz revealed some differences in thought about whether *Toxteth Park* (the Verge original, before Mr Mansfield messed with it) and *Lyndhurst* should best be described as Georgian or Regency.

The ultimate authority, Bernard Smith in *The Architectural Character of Glebe* (p15), describes these two buildings as Regency. Our Glebe Walks website (Early Architects) offers some comments (see the More Info boxes for each stop) on the range of architectural styles

seen in Glebe and in relation to the Regency style has this to say:

Regency is the style term applicable to English architecture and its derivatives during the time when George IV was Prince Regent (1811-20), but also used for the period of his reign (he died in 1830). Regency style is marked by a greater degree of elegance and a refinement of Classical forms. John Verge was an exponent of this style (in the original *Toxteth Park* and in *Lyndhurst*).

The Regency style lingered on for many years after the accession of

Queen Victoria to the throne in 1837. Fifty years later buildings were still being erected in Glebe that may be best described as post-Regency. These buildings are characterised by their simplicity in mass and contour, built in stone or rendered brick, possessing clear lines and classical proportions in the treatment of windows and doors, a dominating rectangularity, and broad eaves lines.

However, it must be acknowledged that style terms are fluid and can

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# The environment

## A Night Devoted to Waste

More than forty members gathered at *Benledi* on a cold and wet night in late June for an event focusing on waste management – a testament to the commitment of members to sustainability issues in our community. They were rewarded by varied, and even inspiring, presentations.

Firstly we watched the short film produced by the Total Environment Centre called *Waste Not*. The film presents us with the people directly involved in managing our waste; finding ways to recycle it or avoiding waste in the first place. Perspectives vary from those of the people working in a waste sorting centre to the manager of Reverse Garbage in Marrickville. Their vision for a more positive way of managing waste, and the strangely beautiful and engrossing visuals of the film, leave the viewer uplifted rather than depressed about the future.

This was just the introduction to the presentation by Mark McKenzie, the Manager of Waste Strategy for the City of Sydney. Mark talked about the Interim Waste Strategy which the Council has recently approved and which will go on public exhibition in October, following the Council elections. Mark works with other members of the City's Sustain-

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overlap to a significant degree. In Australia, we are confounded by a rather confusing succession of distant monarchs whose names (individual or batched) are applied to building styles. Oh for a Macquarie Style! But going down the Governor track gets us into worse territory. A Bligh Style? A Darling Style? A Young Style? Back to the British.

- Liz Simpson-Booker



Alice Simpson-Young spoke about environmental initiatives by local young people. Photo: Bruce Davis

ability unit, and the aim of the waste strategy is to make a positive contribution to the City's greenhouse gas reduction efforts through innovative ways of dealing with waste. Key strategies described were advanced waste treatment, which emphasises recovery of resources from waste, and automated systems that gather garbage via an underground pipe network for collection and treatment and also for creation of gas to work in conjunction with a trigeneration system.

The audience immediately saw that an automated system could have application in the Harold Park development, and at Broadway Shopping Centre, although there are apparently no current proposals by Mirvac (the owner in both cases) to do so. Perhaps some pointed suggestions from the community could focus their attention!

Our final speaker was a Glebe Society member, Alice Simpson-Young, who is also a member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. She spoke about the work of AYCC in our area, including working with a local café to introduce more sustainable practices into the business, assisted by a fund-raising activity. The Environment subcommittee will be looking for an opportunity for a joint activity with AYCC in the future.

The evening ended with a social drink and snacks and an opportunity for members to further discuss these ideas with Mark and Alice.

The Glebe Society owns a copy of the *Waste Not* DVD, and any member who would like to view it at home is welcome to borrow it, by contacting me.

- Jan Macindoe

## Composting food scraps

I hope this doesn't sound like a sales pitch. It's a genuine testimonial.

As a keen gardener and recycler, I've acquired an Australian designed clean compact compost bin which allows worms to get in to help break down its contents but prevents the entry of rats, mice and cockroaches. You still have to be careful to balance wet material (vegetable and fruit scraps) and dry material (shredded newspaper, leaves) but it's satisfying to turn organic waste into a useful resource.

The product is Aerobin (you can check their website) and the nearest retailers are at 6 and 7 Booth Street Annandale. The bins come in two sizes: 400 litres and 200 litres. The smaller is suitable for a courtyard.

- Jane Collingwood

## Smoke alarms

Further to my letter, in *Bulletin* 2/2011, I can now report that employees of the NSW fire brigades will not only install fire alarms but also, when it becomes necessary, change the batteries.

Glebe residents need only visit the fire station in St Johns Road or ring 9660 2156 to be assured of prompt and courteous attention at no cost to themselves.

Ian Edwards



# 43rd Annual General Meeting

## Invitation to the AGM

All members of the Society, and especially new members, are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society at *Benledi*, 186 Glebe Point Road (corner of Wigram Road) on Sunday August 26 from 11am to 1pm.

In addition to the usual business activities of the AGM, we are pleased to announce that there will be an address by Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO on *The Meaning of Sustainability in Inner Sydney*. Lucy is well known

in Glebe, particularly from her time as Lord Mayor of Sydney when she played a pivotal role in the development of the Glebe Foreshore Walk. She is an active supporter of strategies for achievement of sustainability and her ideas on how these apply to areas such as ours promises to be very interesting.

After Lucy's talk, there will be plenty of time to enjoy refreshments and have a chat with other members.

- Mairéad Browne

## Nominations for the Management Committee

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM and members are warmly encouraged to consider the benefits of active involvement in your Society. The positions open for election are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as five other member positions. Nominations will close on 19 August, seven days before the AGM. Please get in touch with me (President@Glebesociety.org.au) or Vicky Marquis (Secretary@Glebesociety.org.au) to discuss your interest in joining the Management Committee and to learn more about what is involved. We will be happy to provide information on the Management Committee and on our very active Subcommittees that are open to any member to join. A Nomination Form is available on our website.

- Mairéad Browne

## Meet the Candidates – Tuesday 21 August

You are invited to attend a Meet the Candidates session prior to the upcoming Mayoral elections in September. This is a regular forum convened by the Glebe Society prior to each local, state and federal election. It gives the community an opportunity to meet the Mayoral candidates and hear first hand what the candidates have to say about issues that are important to us. Each candidate will respond to questions posed by the Glebe Society and this will be followed by community questions. The venue is the Glebe Public School – enter from Derwent Street – from 7 to 9pm.



# Reports to the AGM

## Environment

**Policy and Action Plan.** The Environment subcommittee updated its Policy, giving greater emphasis to broad environmental issues such as sustainability, water and air quality, without neglecting traditional concerns with parks and gardens, pedestrian-friendly spaces and an attractive and well-maintained physical environment.

We also emphasised the commitment of the Glebe Society to implement these policies and principles in its own activities. To contribute to this aim, we selected a range of paper and plastic cups which are made from renewable resources and, in the case of the paper cups, can be composted. These will be used in social events where re-usable cups or glasses are impractical.

**Maintaining a watch on public parks.** Bobbie Burke continues to keep an eye on Foley Park and in late 2011 noted that the Council's stage two landscaping proposal no longer included plans for picnic tables and seats or the interpretive overlay of the original building, Hereford House. These had been major elements in the original plan from 2006. Three members attended the Council committee meeting in late October to express our concerns at these omissions, and were pleased when Council amended its proposal by adding requirements to 'communicate with local residents and park users on further minor upgrade works at Foley Park including heritage interpretation of the former Hereford House and new picnic tables and seating'.

With the upgrade to the Glebe Point Road frontage of Foley Park recently completed, the Environment subcommittee wrote to the project manager to enquire about the timeframe for the communication with local residents and further upgrade

work as described in the Council resolution.

**Responding to Council Policies.** The Environment subcommittee coordinated and finalised the Glebe Society responses to two major policies from Council. The first was the Street Tree Master Plan, where our response emphasised the role of tree selection and planting in providing an environment that supports small birds, and not just the larger birds which have become more common in the inner city in recent years. We also emphasised the need for a customised approach where special circumstances apply, such as in narrow streets.

The second Council policy to which the Society sent a submission was the Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use. The Generic Plan of Management is a high order policy required by state government legislation and sets out in 'generic' terms how community land in the LGA is classified and what are permitted uses for each classification. However, a number of the major parks in our suburb and surrounding area are not Council owned community land, but Crown Land and covered by separate legislation and planning approaches. We recommended that up-to-date management plans be developed for these parks as well, and the final Report presented to Council included strategies to achieve this. We also recommended that the relationship between the Generic Plan of Management and other related plans be explained and made public, and in particular the relationship to the Urban Ecology Strategy, which is expected to be released later this year. An overview of these relationships was to a large extent incorporated in the final report, and Council's resolution included the recommendation that the Generic Plan of Management be updated on

completion of the Urban Ecology Strategy.

**Society events with Environmental theme.** The subcommittee's Action Plan included: 'Hold at least one environmentally themed educational/social activity per year as part of the Society's calendar of events.' We were very pleased with our first such event, the screening of the TEC short film *Waste Not*, followed by a presentation by Mark McKenzie, the Manager of Waste Strategy for the City of Sydney, and a talk by Glebe Society member, Alice Simpson-Young on the work of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. The event was attended by about 45 people, and the audience was especially impressed by the innovative strategies being adopted by the City, and the enthusiasm and expertise that Mark McKenzie clearly brings to his role.

**Support for new community garden.** The subcommittee's Action Plan also included: '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.' It has been particularly satisfying to see the strong community response to the proposal for a community garden in the area between *Benledi* and St Helen's. More than twenty enthusiastic people from the surrounding neighbourhood have taken part in planning the design and management approach of the proposed community garden, and were able to submit an application for a Council Matching Grant just six weeks after the initial meeting, by dint of collaborative research, planning and writing. The St Helen's Community Garden Group is a separate entity, but the Glebe Society maintains a supportive relationship with it.

- Jan Macindoe  
Environment Subcommittee

## 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society, 11am-1pm 26 August

### Agenda

#### 1 Present

#### 2 Apologies

**3 Minutes.** Motion: That the minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 24 August 2011 be confirmed.

**4 President's report** (Mairéad Browne)

#### 5 Subcommittee reports

Some subcommittee reports are published in this *Bulletin*. Others will be provided to meeting attendees and printed in the next *Bulletin*. Those Convenors who are present at the meeting can provide updates and/or answer questions.

#### 6 Treasurer's report

Motion: That the Auditor's report for The Glebe Society Incorporated for the 2011/2012 financial year, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2012, and the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2012, be received.

#### 7 Election of Office Bearers

Note: Only financial members are entitled to vote.

#### 8 Awards

The Awards Committee recommended and the Management Committee unanimously agreed that the Glebe Society Commendation be awarded to Dorothy Davis AM in recognition of her sustained and intelligent contribution to the Society in the important role of Event Coordinator.

#### 9. Close of meeting

Guest Speaker Lucy Turnbull's talk will follow the meeting. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Lucy's talk.



# Reports to the AGM

## Bays and Foreshores ... still waiting for something to happen

At the tail end of the last reporting year Lesley Lynch wrote an article for the *Bulletin* (5/2011, p.1) headed *New Government, new hope?* Looking back I'm glad she included the question mark.

However at the time it seemed not too much to expect that the incoming Government would perform better than its predecessor. My annual report for 2010/11, published a couple of months later, was headed *A year when most things didn't happen*.

Unfortunately the story is much the same this year.

The single matter that might be regarded as progress is the fact that the Bays and Foreshores Taskforce is putting the finishing touches to its report which is due to be handed to the Minister for Planning at the end of July.

The process leading up to this point has been thoroughly covered in the *Bulletin* - the most recent articles appeared in 4/2012 *Bureaucrats vs the community*, and 5/2012 *Last ditch negotiations* - so there is not much point in repeating this information here. Of course the report is Cabinet-in-Confidence until the Government chooses to make it public. However, from the vibes we are getting from the community representative, Professor Jane Marceau and her 'handbag' Dr Lesley Lynch, I'd expect the resolute defence of the *status quo* mounted by the Government agencies will prevail.

Jane and Lesley have worked tirelessly to represent the community on the task force and to bring a degree of unity to the disparate community groups around the Bays Precinct. Even if the arguments put forward

on this occasion do not prevail they provide a firm basis for future representations by the community. Thank you very much Jane and Lesley, and we hope you will get your lives back very soon!

Now a quick check list of what has (or has not) happened elsewhere.

**Sydney Heritage Fleet.** No change other than the fact that Sydney City Council has raised the possibility that the heavy engineering aspects of the Fleet's ship restoration program could be located on Goat Island. This would please the residents of Pyrmont Point.

**Sydney Fish Market.** No plans for anything other than minor works.

**Blackwattle Bay wharves.** A development application should be lodged fairly soon - see page 4 of *Bulletin* 5/2012.

**Super Yacht Marina.** No news yet on whether the proposal for a 'mini-Darling Harbour' entertainment centre on the shores of Rozelle Bay has been successful.

**Wentworth Park.** A bright spot - the northern perimeter has been rebuilt and the southern boundary will follow.

**Foreshore walk.** I'm sure the Lord Mayor is as good as her word and the section at the Blackwattle Bay Secondary College will be built some time soon.

**Walter Burley Griffin incinerator meeting room.** The City Council decided in July last year to reopen the meeting room, but it took rather longer for the paperwork to be completed. The Management Committee held several meetings there before being driven back to the Old Fire Station for the winter due to lack of heating.

**Concerts on Glebe Island.** The Society objected to a proposal to hold New Year concerts on Glebe

Island due to the noise impact on communities opposite. The concerts went ahead but don't seem to have been a roaring success.

**Glebe Island Bridge.** The future of the bridge has come up for discussion again, probably due to the considerations of the Bays Precinct Task Force, and views have been put for and against its retention. Although it has not been formally discussed by the Management Committee, I suspect the Society would favour retention on heritage grounds. Others have suggested it could have a role as a public transport link.

**The coal bunker (adjacent to the Fish Market).** Last year NSW Maritime announced that the lessee of the site, Blackwattle Bay Marina (the company selected to develop the Blackwattle Bays wharves) had agreed to clean it up. When, after many months, nothing had happened I asked why. The essence of the answer was that the lessee thought it wasn't worth spending the money.

**The Wentworth Park Community Games.** Ultimo-Pyrmont won the GUP Cup last year. C'mon Glebe, we can do better this year!

- Bruce Davis  
Bays and Foreshores  
Subcommittee

## Heritage

For years there was no Glebe Society heritage subcommittee, but in February this year the Management Committee accepted the proposed terms of reference and action plan for a newly formed subcommittee, as I reported in *Bulletin* 1/2012. These can be distilled to the following.

**Continue research that will lead to the addition of items to the heritage register and liaise with**

**agencies so that data can be found and used effectively**

We instigated a series of ongoing heritage conversations with agencies and community groups. Thus far we have met with the Heritage Office of NSW, City of Sydney, the Paddington Society, the Haberfield Association and our State MP. The first two discussions were about building relationships so that we can help to augment and correct heritage databases as they relate to Glebe. The remaining conversations were about developing a heritage network, which I reported upon in *Bulletin* 4/2012.

## Conduct heritage themed events

The subcommittee's first planned themed event will be held when the Glebe Town Hall re-opens.

**Liaise with the Planning Subcommittee, City, developers, Royal Australian Historical Society, Dictionary of Sydney heritage property owners, members and residents to promote heritage and effectively manage projects within this delegation.**

Our work is ongoing but during the period under review our most significant achievement has been the Glebe Society's submission to the Australian Heritage Strategy. Here we emphasised the inter-relationships between heritage and community wellbeing and called for an enlarged role for community organisations like the Glebe Society. We argued that we have to imbue people with heritage spirit but as perceptions vary we need to listen carefully so that our work makes a difference. This strategy will become increasingly important if NSW Planning Laws change as suggested in the recent green paper issued by Minister Hazzard.

- John Gray  
Heritage Subcommittee

# Reports to the AGM



## Community Development

Our subcommittee endeavours to foster communication between the many diverse community groups in Glebe. Our subcommittee actively supports programs and events that strengthen our community.

Highlights this year included a creative art project, a laneway naming and a tour of Glebe sights significant to Aboriginal people. We created opportunities to talk with residents about the work done by local community support groups, Centipede, the Glebe Youth Service and the Glebe Community Development Project.

'It's marvellous' was just one of the responses to the outcome of the project Love Your Park 2 - a colourful mural depicting local flora and fauna, on the wall of a house on the corner of Mitchell and Glebe Streets. With the guidance of a community artist, the mural was painted by local kids, many from the Glebe Youth Service. This was the second art project auspiced by the Glebe Society, with funding from Sydney City Council, to bring neighbours together to create a work of public art in their local parks.

Members of the Glebe Community Action Group (residents of the Housing Estate) initiated a project to identify unnamed lanes in Glebe and give them names that reflect the history of Glebe. In May the Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, named Elsie Walk, a small laneway alongside Glebe Public School, as a tribute to Australia's first women's refuge for victims of domestic violence. The laneway is close to where a group of feminist activists squatted in a cottage and established the refuge in 1974.

NAIDOC's first tour of Glebe sights significant to Aboriginal people is being developed with the assistance of the subcommittee. The tour was one of a number of activities featured during NAIDOC Week in Glebe. NAIDOC is a whole of community celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. This year's theme was *Spirit of the Tent Embassy*, 40 years on, and the children at Centipede made their own Tent Embassy installation which they set up at various sites, including Parliament House in Canberra.

Centipede and the Glebe Youth Service run programs to support local kids and youth in Glebe. The Glebe Community Development Project supports groups to develop relationships and partnerships that can add value to the community. Representatives from each of these organisations had the opportunity to tell their story at a gathering of residents to hear a Glebe Voices talk by Richard Spencer entitled *Do we really care? Investing in our communities*.

- Robyn Kemmis  
Community Development  
Subcommittee

## Social Events

From wine and beer-tasting occasions to a presentation on the City's waste management — such is the variety of the Glebe Society's events over the past year! An activity is planned for almost every month and numbers attending each time vary from 15 to 100, with events sometimes booked out. Our most frequently used venue is *Benledi*, next to the Library, generously made available for our events on a rent-free basis by the City of Sydney. Its

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capacity and central location suit many of our activities including illustrated presentations and the Annual General Meeting. We also love the Glebe Rowing Club as a summer venue, situated on the waterfront overlooking the city skyline and Blackwattle Bay. Our events program covers heritage, environment, art, history and more, with food and good company always important ingredients.

The main events in 2011-2012 included:

- Dictionary of Sydney – making connections in the digital age. A talk by Lisa Murray, City of Sydney Historian (following the AGM)
- Malt Shovel Brewery, Bridge Road. Tour and tasting of five beers with matching food
- Glebe Town Hall — presentation on its restoration by the architect/builder/project manager
- Glebe's Pocket Parks Walk — the newest of the walks developed by members of the Glebe Society
- Glebe art galleries — Spring walk, visiting five galleries and finishing with afternoon tea at Yuga
- Christmas Party at *Toxteth House* (St Scholastica's Convent) — The verandah and garden of this Regency mansion now used by the Good Samaritan Sisters
- Twilight wine-tasting at the Glebe Rowing Club with food and wine from Timbah
- Mawson's expeditions to the Antarctic (Centenary celebration) - illustrated talk by Dr Grahame Budd with an introduction by Lyn Collingwood on Mawson's early life in Glebe
- Recycling of Waste – showing of environmental film *Waste Not* and presentation on waste management

and creative solutions – Mark McKenzie (City of Sydney) and Alice Simpson-Young (Australian Youth Climate Coalition)

- New Members Night – fun and games at the Harold Park Hotel – an opportunity for long-standing members of the Glebe Society to welcome new members and catch up with old friends.

A new venture this year was Glebe Voices, drawing on the extensive knowledge and expertise of interesting Glebe residents or people with a special affiliation with Glebe.

Speakers have included Dr David McIntosh, creator of the Glebe Music Festival, Professor Ann Curthoys, an historian who gave us an insight into Glebe's radical past, and Richard Spencer, a local resident with long experience in local and international community development. Members are invited to gather informally in locations such as cafés or pubs and take part in a moderated conversation with a distinguished speaker. These talks have attracted excellent audiences and have led to vigorous debate over a glass of wine or a meal!

Coming events include an illustrated lecture on the amazing Frank Hurley, adventurer, explorer and photographer; and 'by popular demand', Dr Grahame Budd will give a follow-up presentation on Douglas Mawson and more recent expeditions to the Antarctic. Also planned is a ferry trip to Cockatoo Island, with a guided tour of the remarkable convict and maritime history of Sydney Harbour's largest island.

A small group plans and runs the events program together with the Management Committee, and the work of these members is greatly appreciated. Most events cover expenses and several, including the Christmas Raffle and Auction,

are designed to raise funds for the Society's community projects. New members of the events group would be particularly welcome – and we would love to receive new (or recycled!) ideas for events over the coming year.

- Dorothy Davis  
Events coordinator

## Archives

The Glebe Society Archives contain records that provide evidence of the activities of the Society. Some of the major series include:

- Constitutional Records
- Minutes of the Management Committee
- Minutes and papers of General and Special General Meetings
- General Correspondence (that is with members of the Society, the public, organisations and Government agencies)
- Correspondence with councils and government agencies (when officers of the Society kept these separately)
- Subject Files eg related to particular projects that the Society was involved with
- Records of the Convenors of the various subcommittees, interest groups, spokespeople or activities
- The Glebe Society *Bulletin*
- Other serial or one-off publications and publications in which the Society has an involvement.
- Membership lists
- Memorabilia

The Archives are described on software known as Tabularium that is used in many archives in Australia.

The Archivist is also in the process of indexing Glebe Society *Bulletins* that should enable rapid retrieval of Bulletin articles over the 43 years since the commencement of the Society.

The archivist is happy to take inquiries relating to the material held in the archives.



# Reports to the AGM

We are grateful to Forest Lodge Public School which has made available accommodation in *Briarbank* for the storage of the archives

- Lyn Milton  
Archivist

## The Website

The website for the Glebe Society continues to grow in size and usage by members of the Glebe Society as well as by many others. Website statistics record the number of people who access the website, and the current number is an average of 640 users per day, an increase of 65% in the last two years.

Why are so many people looking at our website? Most people find websites by using Google Search, and the most common search criterion for people who access our website is 'Glebe Society' — 12% - followed by 'Edmund Barton Glebe' – 11%. This is a most unexpected result, but doing a Google search for 'Edmund Barton Glebe' one can see that the Glebe Society website is the first result, and our own Glebe Walks website is the second result. 'Blue Wrens' and 'NAIDOC' are also popular search criteria that result in people using our website.

An interesting statistic is the apparent location that users of our website come from. The Glebe Society website is popular among people from the Ukraine, Germany, Russia and New Zealand, with 4,200 visits from such people. We can only wonder why.

An indicator of the popularity of smartphones such as the iPhone, the iPad, and similar devices is that a surprising 26% of visitors to our website are using such devices.

The goals of the Website Subcommittee are to continue to improve our website, and its priorities include:

- ensuring that Current Major Issues and News are up-to-date

and well covered

- ensuring that the Calendar of Events is up-to-date with events of interest to members
- providing a convenient means of booking and paying for Society events
- ensuring that the website is a valuable storage site of current and historical information about the Glebe Society and the local area.

One of our website's most valuable features is that new information about current major issues and upcoming events is often added on a daily basis, so it is worth checking regularly at [www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)

### Glebe Society Update emails

Our recently introduced *Glebe Society Update* emails have proved to be very popular with members.

- Phil Young  
Webmaster

These emails are sent about every two weeks to those members who have provided us with an email address, and there are only about 20 members who haven't. The purpose of the *Glebe Society Update* is to provide members with information that arises between the monthly *Bulletins*. It also provides a means of distributing the colour editions of the *Bulletin* and the minutes of the monthly Management Committee meetings.

### Communications Review

A Communications Working Party was established in July 2012 to review the overall strategy of Glebe Society communications, including the *Bulletin*, the website and the *Update* emails, and to ensure that our communications methods are effective, co-ordinated, and meeting the needs of members.

## A History of Tranby

Max Solling was a guest at the recent NAIDOC Week Elders Lunch (see page 10). This prompted him to tell us about the college.

Tranby was the first Aboriginal residential college in Australia to provide education specifically by and for Aboriginal and Islander people, an alternative educational process nurturing pride in their rich heritage. A registered training organisation, it currently offers a Diploma of National Indigenous Legal Advocacy, a Diploma of Business (Governance), a Diploma of Applied Aboriginal Studies and a Diploma of Community Development

Alf Clint, an Anglican bush brother born in 1906, was convinced co-operatives were a non-exploitative and culturally consistent way of integrating indigenous people into the dominant society's political system, and a way of providing independence. He had grown up in Balmain where he was radicalised by his

family's poverty and worked for the Balmain Co-operative's store. He had a lifelong interest in Aboriginal communities and also worked with villagers in Papua New Guinea developing co-operative enterprises.

Father John Hope of Christ Church St Laurence was a member of the Australian Board of Missions in 1946 when the mission bought *Tranby* with the intention of establishing it as a hostel for university students. John Hope and Alf Clint were kindred spirits, and when Father Hope became aware that Clint was searching for a place to train Aboriginal people in co-operative practices said 'Tell Alf he can have *Tranby*'.

From its inception in 1958 *Tranby* relied on donations from Aboriginal groups, church bodies and the socialist trade unions remembered for their consistent support over a long time. Clint became *Tranby's* first general secretary, and lived

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# NAIDOC Week in Glebe

## The Spirit of the Tent Embassy

The celebration of NAIDOC week (1-8 July) in Glebe took a variety of forms; a bus tour of Glebe from an Aboriginal perspective, a screening of *Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on* at the Koori Centre, University of Sydney and a mobile artwork created by children with the help of local artist Aunty Kathy Farrawell.

*The Spirit of the Tent Embassy* was the theme for NAIDOC week in 2012, and children from Centipede, a before-and-after-school-care place attached to Glebe Public School had made an art installation representing the Tent Embassy, which they had taken to Canberra. Five of the children came to the Elders Lunch, a highlight of the week, to talk to the Elders about it.

- Bobbie Burke

## The Elders Lunch

Tranby Aboriginal College was proud to host an informal Elders' Lunch during NAIDOC week. It was held in honour of local Elders, from both the Aboriginal and white communities of Glebe, to celebrate

their stories and to encourage community spirit.

Darryl French, a Senior Teacher and Program Manager at the College welcomed the Elders, and after lunch showed a short film on the *Buildings out the Back*, a major redevelopment designed in sympathy with both the Victorian feel of the suburb and a holistic approach to Aboriginal education.

Twelve people attended this inaugural Lunch, held on 5 July at the College, and catered for by Purple Goanna, an indigenous café in Redfern. Indigenous Elders included Aunty Joan Tranter from Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at UTS, and Faye Carroll, a respected community Elder closely associated with inner city Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The white community representatives included Norma Hawkins from the Blue Wrens group, Jeanette Knox, a member of the Glebe Society since soon after its foundation, and Max Solling, our local historian who has been a resident of Glebe since 1960.

As the Elders were leaving, each was presented by the City of Sydney Over 55 Services with a bouquet of bush flowers.

- Bobbie Burke



Guests at the Elders Lunch, in the grounds of Tranby, with kids from Centipede. Photo: Morganne Blackburn

## More notes on the Elders Lunch

### Norma Hawkins

A very special luncheon indeed, in a very special place.

Bush tucker – and lots of stories.

Talking with Aunty Joan Tranter (seated next to me). She spoke of the humour that exists within Aboriginal communities often sustaining them through many trials.

Humour was certainly evident on this happy occasion, in the stories told by the Elder guests. So much laughter was shared throughout.

And then, as we left, those beautiful bush flowers that we each carried home!

### Max Solling

The Elders Lunch will surely be a feature of future NAIDOC weeks in Glebe, and expand with the coming years. The wonderful sense of humour and fun from Aboriginal elders Cecil and his mates (taken from their parents and incarcerated in Kinchela Boys Home), Aunty Joan and Aunty Fay made it a memorable day enjoyed by all.

### Jeanette Knox

It was good to revisit Tranby as I hadn't been there for a number of years. The buffet lunch was most enjoyable, especially with its bush tucker elements and accompanying damper, as well as being an opportunity to talk to Aboriginal Elders about their activities. Not all of them have had a smooth run.

## Welcome to New Members evening



Mary Haire and Lyn Collingwood. Photo: Bruce Davis

'Coal seam gas mining under Foley Park!' – a fate worse than all the catastrophic scenarios of the TV series *Home and Away*. This was the punch-line of the show put on by Lyn Collingwood and Mary Haire, long-term stars of local TV drama series, at the New Members Welcome event at the Harold Park Hotel

on Friday 13 July. In a clever skit, Lyn and Mary gave us an insight into the story lines, characters and dramatic elements in *Home and Away* (typical of many soap operas!).

Around 60 people enjoyed the pub atmosphere of the Harold Park Hotel, meeting new people and also learning a bit more about Glebe through some fun activities. Even long-term residents of Glebe gleaned some new facts during our *Glebe: Believe It or Not* story in which teams had to pick errors. (*Lyndhurst* and *Toxteth House* are Regency not Georgian villas! Glebe did have the first Rugby League club in Australia!) And there was no survey by the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 2008 which rated Glebe

as 'the number one most liveable suburb' in Sydney, even though everyone at the event believed it to be true! See the full story below. The venue was most appropriate for an informal evening – and much wine, beer and food was enjoyed along with chat and entertainment. Special thanks to Lyn (who played Colleen Smart in *Home and Away*) and Mary for their show, and also to William Ryan, owner of Harold Park Hotel and his staff who helped make the evening such a success. And thanks to the enthusiastic group of people who planned the event or took a leading role in the activities – and to everyone for getting into the spirit of things!

- Dorothy Davis

## Glebe: Believe it or not! - the New Members Evening quiz

**Incorrect statements have a line ruled through them and the correct statement follows enclosed in brackets.**

Glebe today is a suburb in the ~~Leichhardt municipality~~ (City of Sydney Council) and takes its name from the Classical ~~Greek~~ (Latin, not Greek; 'gleba' = soil and in ecclesiastical law meant church land). This is because the area was granted to the Church of England by Governor Arthur Phillip in 1789. Much of Glebe's water frontage is along Blackwattle Bay, so named for the black wattle ~~which grows only in the Sydney basin~~. (Black wattles are found across Eastern Australia.)

Glebe boasts a number of substantial Victorian buildings including

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there until his death on 21 April 1980, aged 74 years. Kevin Cook, a Tranby student, became general secretary in 1981, with Jack Beetson succeeding Cook, his mentor, in 1998 as Executive Director of Tranby. Professor Bob Morgan is the current Executive Director of the College. A significant annual event at Tranby is the Kevin Cook lecture.

- Max Solling

St Scholastica's ~~co-ed~~ (girls' school only) College. St Schol's has been altered and added to over the years but began life as a ~~Georgian~~ (Regency) home, designed by architect John Verge for solicitor George Allen, the first owner of the Toxteth Estate. Local thoroughfares recall the names of Allen family members and people living on the Toxteth Estate: Allen Street, Wigram Road, ~~Leichhardt~~ Street (name of an explorer), Boyce Street and ~~Harold~~ Park (named for a trotter Childe Harold). Inside the ground floor windows of the original building there are still wooden panels which were pulled into position when bushrangers roamed the district.

Another interesting building is *Bidura* on Glebe Point Road, built as his family home by ~~Edward~~ (Edmund) Blacket who designed Sydney University's Great Hall, ~~MacLaurin Hall~~ (it was designed by WL Vernon, Government Architect) and the Quadrangle in Gothic style. Blacket also designed St

John's Church on the corner of St Johns and Glebe Point Roads where Margaret Whitlam's parents were married and it is ~~the regular place of worship of Glebe's most famous greengrocer family, the Galluzzos~~. (They are Catholic and worship at St James Catholic Church) whose shop is across the road from the church. Another historic landmark is the Sze Yup Temple established on this site more than a century ago.

The original Aboriginal people in the Glebe area were members of the Cadigal people. Aboriginal organisations in Glebe include *Tranby*, the ~~first~~ indigenous training college, and the ~~first~~ contemporary dance company, the Aboriginal and Islander Dance Theatre ~~still located in St James Hall, Bridge Road~~. (Moved in the 1990s to the Central Coast and now called NAISDA Dance College. Some dancers went on to form *Bangarra*.)

Glebe still has a lot of pubs but once had even more. The super-

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market on the corner of Mitchell Street and Glebe Point Road was once the Currency Lass; University Hall was originally the University Hotel; and the YHA hostel on the corner of Cotter Lane towards Glebe Point was built on the site of ~~the old Royal Hotel~~. (No pubs were allowed on the Toxteth Estate side of Glebe Point Road as George Allen was a devout Methodist.) Cafés and restaurants have also contributed to Glebe's cosmopolitan atmosphere. It is claimed that tiramisu was **first** served in Australia at the *Mixing Pot* restaurant. Of interest is the 5-storey green building on the corner of Leichhardt Street and Glebe Point Road. Now owned by Sydney University, it was once the **Helena Rubinstein** (Max Factor) cosmetics factory.

Cotter Lane commemorates one of Glebe's cricketing legends. Albert 'Tibby' Cotter lived at Monteith 266 Glebe Point Road, now classified by the National Trust. Albert, whose image was used on World War I recruiting posters, was killed in that conflict. Fred Spofforth 'the demon bowler' was also a Glebe boy, as were batsman **Victor Trumper** (from Paddington), and Yabba, the famous SCG barracker. Boxers **Jimmy Carruthers** (another Paddington boy) and Dave Sands trained at Lamings Gym, now Gleebooks. Tennis star Lew Hoard lived in Wigram Road ~~and became Australia's first Wimbledon champion~~. (Hoard lived in Glebe, but was not Australia's first Wimbledon champion.) Other Glebe sporting firsts are Australia's **first** Rugby League club, Australia's **first** greyhound racing track at **Wentworth** (disputed - see next *Bulletin*) Park and the **first** suburban rowing club in Sydney.

Famous people who've lived in Glebe include cartoonist Les Tanner, Antarctic explorer Douglas Mawson, photographer and adventurer Frank Hurley, Charles Perkins, the first Aboriginal Australian to graduate from an Australian university, authors **Judith Wright** (poet) and

**Cliff Hardy** (Peter Corris is the author and Cliff Hardy is his fictional investigator), a son of Charles Dickens, and Sir **Robin** Askin (Robert - he was born Robin but changed his name to Robert by deed poll before he was knighted) who spent much of his childhood and young adulthood at 29 Talford Street and 11 Lyndhurst Street, houses still standing. Still standing too is the birthplace ~~in Eglinton Road~~ (at the corner of Glebe Point Road and Ferry Road, now Bakers Delight) of Australia's **first** Prime Minister Sir **Edward** (Edmund) Barton.

Among other 'firsts' that Glebe claims are the following:

- ~~The first homoeopathic hospital in Sydney~~ (false - the hospital, now *Benledi*, was moved from Redfern to Glebe)
- The **first** public wireless house in Australia
- ~~The first establishment of one of the early 20th century leading dressmakers, Fanny Williams~~ (totally fictitious)
- The **first** women's refuge in Australia
- ~~The first brothel in Sydney, located in Parramatta Road~~ (fictitious) and
- The **first** large-scale urban renewal project in Australia

The pride that the Glebe Society takes in Edmund Barton doesn't extend to Sir Robert Askin, ~~who was eventually convicted of corruption in the 1970s following his premiership of NSW~~. (He was never charged or convicted despite widespread rumours.) As Premier, Sir Robert Askin was determined to carve up our suburb with a network of expressways. The actions of the BLF and the Society saved the Georgian mansion *Lyndhurst* from demolition. ~~The Glebe Society was also instrumental in closing down the fast food chains near Glebe Public School. McDonald's and Red Rooster have disappeared from Glebe~~ (fictitious). Pressure by the

Society has also contributed to better outcomes for the old Harold Park trotting track - its last major crowd puller was camel races. ~~A design competition has been established to ensure an imaginative redevelopment of the site~~. (No such design competition is being held.)

Glebe today is a vibrant community. The 2011 census data reveals that the population of Glebe is just over 11,000. Glebe's population grew at only **3.6%** over the past 5 years (incorrect - population size is extremely stable, with less than 1% growth recorded over the 5 years) compared with an Australia-wide growth rate of 8.3% for the same period. The area attracts people to the restaurants and cafés that abound in Glebe Point Road offering cuisines of over a dozen different countries. In the 2012 edition of the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Guide there are **two** (one only: *Boathouse on Blackwattle Bay*) restaurants listed that have received a 'one-hat' award. The Glebe Markets are also a popular drawcard on Saturday ~~and Sundays~~ (open Saturdays only). There are also a number of charitable and government institutions in the area including three courthouses located in Glebe.

Above all, Glebe has been able to preserve its character, and the Glebe Society has played a significant effort in achieving this since the inception in 1969. I'm sure that Glebe would still be rated the number one 'liveable suburb' in Sydney ~~as it was in the last survey of readers conducted by the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Weekend magazine in 2008~~. (False - no such survey was conducted.) The efforts of the Glebe Society and its members are still ongoing. The issue of the Harold Park site comes to mind tonight as we look across the road. The City of Sydney Council still needs pressuring to ensure appropriate height and size of the buildings planned. Such an issue reinforces the ongoing importance of the Glebe Society in its effort to continue to make Glebe feel like the best Sydney suburb in which to live.

## Glebe Society events

### Glebe Voices at Woolcock Institute

As mentioned in *Glebe: Believe it or not!* (see page 12), the Woolcock Institute moved into the old Max Factor Building in Glebe Point Road in 2009. Glebe is honoured to have such distinguished neighbours.

Carole Herriman made arrangements for us to hold a Glebe Voices session at the Woolcock. On Wednesday 25 July, members of the Glebe Society were given a warm welcome by four of the Institute's researchers, who talked about the work they and their teams are undertaking in diseases of the lungs and airways.

The institute's new Director, Professor Carol Armour, gave us an introduction to the work of the Institute. We next heard from Julia Chapman, a PhD student at Sydney University in the Sleep and Circadian Research Group studying Sleep apnea. Julia told us that we need sleep, but don't know exactly why. Professor Euan Tovey said that the world-wide increase in the incidence of asthma is either caused by the world being too dirty or



Photo: Sybil Jack

too clean. Then Professor Judy Black AO (pictured above) reminded us that 'life is a terminal condition' and told us about her research into the causes of lung diseases.

Carole Herriman will report on the talks more fully in next month's *Bulletin*. We thank the researchers of the Woolcock for their hospitality.

- Edwina Doe

### The 23rd Annual Glebe Music Festival

9 November to 2 December

There will be two free-entry concerts at this year's Glebe Music Festival. Donna Cain (soprano), Johanna Petsche (clarinet) and Dorine Tolley (piano) perform Schubert's *The Shepherd on the Rock* D965 and excerpts from Vivaldi's Motet RV630 at *Benledi* (Glebe Library) corner of Glebe Point Road and Wigram Road, Thursday 15 November at 7pm. And after last year's sensational and popular concert, Rob Scott-Mitchell returns with *Accordions Alfresco* to the Record Reign Hall, corner of St Johns Road and Derwent Street, Saturday 17 November at 2pm.

Opening this year's Glebe Music Festival, Sydney's principle guitar duo Duo Agostino, Raffaele and Janet Agostino, will perform at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road, on Friday 9 November at 7pm. Tickets \$20 (concessions \$10), including food and drinks, are available at the door or in advance.

Further information about all eight concerts is available at on the Glebe Society Website and [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com).

- David McIntosh

### Frank Hurley - a Lecture/Entertainment by Robert Dixon

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.

**Sunday 16 September, 5.30 - 7.30pm. Venue to be announced soon.**

### Cockatoo Island Tour

**Sunday 28 October, from around 10 am till 1.30pm (times to be confirmed)**

Keep this date for your diary - and enjoy a wonderful day out! We will take a ferry (which we hope will depart from either the *Bellevue* wharf or the Fish Market wharf) to Cockatoo Island, passing interesting industrial sites on the way, and then have a special guided tour of the island. Once a convict prison and a dockyard for shipbuilding, today Cockatoo Island features immense industrial workshops, prison barracks, underground grain silos, tunnels and two magnificent docks. The tour provides an overview of the island's remarkable history and features some of the best examples of early colonial history to be found in Sydney. Enjoy coffee or lunch (at your own expense) in the café at the end of the tour - or bring a picnic!

Cost is expected to be around \$35 as long as we have 40+ people to cover the fixed cost of chartering the ferry. Details will be given in the next *Bulletin*, with a booking form.

- Dorothy Davis

### Douglas Mawson's four Antarctic expeditions - and beyond

**21 October 5.30-7.30pm at Benledi.**

This is a repeat of Grahame Budd's popular talk on Mawson, with new material on Australia's work in Antarctica since World War 11. Please send early expressions of interest to [events@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:events@glebesociety.org.au). There will be a booking form in the September *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 2 August** we will go to *Lien* Vietnamese Malaysian Restaurant, 331 Glebe Point Road.

On **Thursday 6 September** we will go to the re-opened *Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns Road.

And on **Thursday 4 October** we will share an Indian meal at *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road (near the corner of St Johns 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 the July Management Committee meeting:

- Lorel Adams
- Jock and Judith Keene
- Mathew Sen
- Jo Tuscano

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

## National Tree Day in Glebe and Pyrmont – Sunday 29 July

**Glebe:** Jubilee Park, Federal Park and Canal, 10.30am to 12.30pm. (Planet Ark, the City of Sydney and Toyota.) Community event with various nature-related activities - plant native seedlings, sow seeds, enjoy a guided walk, meet the Lorax, paint your face, provide habitat for native species. Bring a yogurt container and take home a seedling. Volunteers are required - contact Zo Zhou on 0468 428 857.

**Pyrmont:** Wentworth Park Light Rail stop (opposite the Fish Markets) 9am to 12noon. (Pyrmont Ultimo Landcare.) Join a local landcare group to improve our city environment.

See the Glebe Society website for more information.

## Players in the Pub

The next moved reading in our new home is Nikolai Gogol's *The Card Sharps*, a comedy in which Peter Finch did a star turn with Sydney's Mercury Players before he flew to London with Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. Directed by Michael Harrs.

### WEDNESDAY 22 August, 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.

## Glebe Art Show 2012

This year's Glebe Art Show will be held between Friday 7 and Sunday 16 September at *Benledi*, next door to the Glebe Library.

Entries should be delivered to reception at *Benledi* on Monday 3 September. Unsold works should be collected on Monday 17 September.

Prize winners will be announced on Opening Night, Friday 7 September, 6-8pm.

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# For your diary ...

**Sunday 29 July** – National Tree Planting Day in Glebe. See page 14.

**Thursday 2 August**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – Lien, 331 Glebe Point Road. See page 14.

**Wednesday 9 August**, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

**Tuesday 21 August**, 7-9pm – Meet the Mayoral Candidates, Glebe Public School, Derwent Street.

**Wednesday 22 August**, 7pm – Players in the Pub, Harold Park Hotel. See page 14.

**Sunday 26 August**, 11am-1pm – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, *Benledi*.

**Monday 3 September:** a Biodiversity field trip during the day and a Biodiversity Workshop 6-8 pm, Church Hall, Glebe Community Garden, 132a St Johns Road (see next *Bulletin*).

**Thursday 6 September**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *The Mixing Pot*, 178 St Johns Road. See page 14.

**Friday 7 September**, 6-8pm – Glebe Art Show opening, *Benledi*. Show open 7-16 September.

**Sunday 9 September:** City of Sydney Planting Day in Palmerston Avenue (see next *Bulletin*).

**Wednesday 12 September**, 7pm – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

**Sunday 16 September**, 5.30pm – Frank Hurley talk. Venue to be advised.

**Thursday 4 October**, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday, *Darbar*, 124 Glebe Point Road. See page 14.

**Sunday 21 October**, 5.30-7.30pm – Douglas Mawson talk, *Benledi*. See page 13.

**Sunday 28 October**, 10am-1.30pm (to be confirmed) – Cockatoo Island Tour. See page 13.

**9 November to 2 December** – the 23rd Annual Glebe Music Festival. See page 13.

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#### Website

The Society has a growing Website ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://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

Views expressed in this Bulletin are not necessarily those of The Glebe Society Inc.

#### Bulletin deadline

The next edition of the *Bulletin* will be published at the end of August. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday 15 August.

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