



Clover Moore re-elected

Alan Jones' witless comment that women like Lord Mayor Clover Moore are, 'wrecking the joint' may have gained international notoriety but misogyny did not figure in the minds of Sydney voters as they returned Clover Moore and her Independent Team to the Town Hall. Local Government is the tier of government with which the Glebe Society has most contact. Since Glebe joined the City of Sydney we have had Lucy Hughes Turnbull as Lord Mayor and then Clover Moore. During this time the Glebe Society has often had serious policy disagreements with the Council. We have also had agreements and a lot has been achieved. Almost inevitably our discussions have been urbane and civil.

So congratulations to Clover Moore for her re-election as Lord Mayor of Sydney. Congratulations to her Independent Team and Councillors from Liberal, Labor, Green and Living Sydney for their election. I have written to each of these people on behalf of the Society.

Whilst the 2008 City referendum rejected a return to the ward system, several mayoral candidates expressed this as policy during the election. It appears that voters have rejected that idea again given that the Independent Team advocated a continuation of whole of city approach. Providing Council staff are committed professionals, and we have found them refreshingly so, the Society works well in this system. Nonetheless Glebe had two residents standing for Council; De Brierley Newton stood as a Green and Robyn Kemmis as part of the Independent Team. De, who was second on the Greens ticket, missed this time. Special congratulations to Glebe Society member, Robyn Kemmis, who was elected at the first meeting of the new Council as Deputy Lord Mayor. Robyn, who was number three on Clover Moore's team, had previously been a Councillor from 2004 to 2008. Meredith Burgmann, another Glebe resident, did not stand for re-election.

- John Gray
President



Robin Lawrence and Clover Moore at the Glebe Art Show opening the night before the election. Photo: Christine Bates

The new City of Sydney Council

Lord Mayor:

- * Clover Moore (Independent)

Councillors:

- * Irene Doutney (Greens)
- * Christine Forster (Liberal)
- * Jenny Green (Independent)
- * Robyn Kemmis (Independent)
- * Robert Kok (Independent)
- * Edward Mandla (Liberal)
- * John Mant (Independent)
- * Linda Scott (ALP)
- * Angela Vithoulkas (Living Sydney)

What's coming soon

Tuesday 9 October, 6.30pm for 7pm – *Tranby* Conversations, Record Reign Hall, St Johns Road. See page 10.

Friday 12 October, 6.30pm for 7pm – Trivia Night fundraiser for Glebe Public School, held at Forest Lodge Hotel. See page 12.

Sunday 21 October, 11am - 2pm – Wentworth Park Community Games. See page 10.

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

Reading Eglinton

Road or ... What is the history of this street - who lived in this street, what did they do, what related information is available???

After a considerable amount of research, information about each house in Eglinton Road; ownership, the residents, their occupations and personal stories, has been loaded onto the Glebe Society website. The history of the local park and the background history to the development of Eglinton Road are also available.

With a Scottish association, Eglinton is also variously referred to as Eglintoun as well as Eglinton.

Information was retrieved from the following sources: Commonwealth and NSW Electoral rolls, Council Rate books, Sands Directories, NSW births deaths and marriages indexes, the Ryerson Index to contemporary death notices and obituaries and archived Australian newspapers at <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

This project was supported by Max Solling, and research was undertaken primarily by Genny Kang, with contributions from Erica Robinson, Jeanette Knox and Carole Herriman.

To find the material on the web please go to the Glebe Society website, move the cursor or mouse over About Glebe. Move to the bottom of the scroll down list to Eglinton Road and left click.

- **Carole Herriman**



Eglinton Road houses. Photo: Phil Young

New website - History of Jacksons Landing, Pyrmont

Our neighbours in Pyrmont have launched a website dealing with the history of Jackson's Landing. The site incorporates a timeline which allows you to click through maps of the area at a given time as well as accessing information and photos of the site at that period.

The site also gives easily accessible information, with many historical and contemporary photos, about the industries, people and stories connected to the site.

The website has been designed by Red Ant Media, who have also designed the Glebe Society's Glebe Walks website.

The website is available at <http://www.jacksonslanding.net.au/history/>

- **Jan Macindoe**

Free RAHS Day Lecture about Ultimo

History House, 133 Macquarie Street, 1pm, Wednesday 3 October.

Dr John Harris came to NSW in the Second Fleet in 1790 as surgeon to the NSW (Rum) Corps. He survived the ups and downs of early colonial politics to become a great landowner at Ultimo and Harris Park.

His collateral descendant John Harris will present an illustrated talk about his ancestor and what became of his Ultimo property. This talk will bring us right up to the exciting Frank Gehry-designed Dr Chau Chak Wing Building which UTS is constructing on Ultimo Road.

Bookings are requested on 9247 8001 or history@rahs.org.au

The Legacy of Bernard and Kate Smith – Symposium and 'Wake' Friday 9 November

Bernard Smith was one of the founders of the Glebe Society in 1969. He and his wife Kate were responsible for the definitive book on Glebe heritage - *The Architectural Character of Glebe*. He was an eminent art historian, writer, professor of fine arts at the University of Sydney, and a beloved member of the Glebe Society.

The University of Sydney and University of Melbourne are collaborating to present a commemorative symposium over four days exploring Bernard's achievements in many fields. The Sydney program will occur on November 9-10. See <http://sydney.edu.au/arts/power/events/?id=1347>

The organisers of the Symposium have invited the Glebe Society to be partners in a celebration of Bernard as an activist with deep concerns for his community. To this end, Max Solling will give a short paper on Bernard's activism and role in saving Glebe from the freeways and this will be followed by a 'wake' and an opportunity to share memories of Bernard and Kate.

The dinner and 'Wake' will be at the Harold Park Hotel, corner of Wigram Road/Ross Street, on Friday evening 9 November. There will be more details in next month's *Bulletin*.

The Glebe Society extends a warm invitation to all, especially to members who knew Bernard during his time in Glebe up to 1977.

- **Dorothy Davis**

President's Page

System

The Glebe Society gets things done because it works within the system in a civil professional manner. There are times however when our patience is sorely tested as, for example, when the community representative on the Bays Precinct Task Force was provided with no resources and little opportunity to express opinions publicly. Input at community forums was managed by a communications firm that used a process inadequate for the complexity of the task and the sophistication of the community. So it was with this recent experience of what the State Government calls community participation that we examined the Green Paper on Planning. Among other things, the paper suggests that the community should participate very early in the process and strategies then made to fix future parameters for developers and community. The Society has made a fine initial response to this paper (www.glebesociety.org.au) which you should read but in this column I will concentrate only on community participation.

I share the opinion of the guest speaker at our AGM, Lucy Hughes Turnbull, who prefers community engagement to the term participation. We seek engaged citizens, not some who are allowed by their 'betters' to participate. She emphasised community engagement at its best (eg New York) evolves a democratic system, in which citizens are genuinely involved. Community participation sounds attractive but it can be skewed by stacking, orchestrated by process and ignored by interpretation. As we have said elsewhere, (eg Australian Heritage Strategy) it is disingenuous to speak of one community. There are several communities, which rub unevenly against each other and



John Gray. Photo: Di Gray

occasionally coalesce. If the State Government is serious about producing a Charter of Public Participation, which balances access to resources and protects the democratic voice, then we will work within the system in a civil professional manner and ally with other groups to produce one. Community engagement is a major strategic issue.

Strategy

The Society has had a series of strategic plans since at least 2002. After the AGM I went over them and noted our significant achievements, recurring themes and contextual changes. Recently we have responded to local, state and federal governments' calls for public submissions on developing policy (eg Your Village 2030, NSW Transport Plan, Australian Heritage Strategy). These have helped us to evolve our own strategy and also given us access to other community and agency responses. With a new Council and a State Government that is proposing changes in planning, transport and infrastructure, along with the scandalous reductions in heritage support, the management committee agreed that we will conduct a thorough strategic review to guide our actions for the next five years or so. Initially we will be gathering ideas and analysing secondary data. I am writing a discussion paper

for the October Committee meeting so please email me if you have ideas, burning issues, smart ideas, dumb ideas and so on.

Stuff

The Society:

- Congratulated City of Sydney Councillors and the Lord Mayor on their recent election;
- Sent its initial response to the Green Paper on planning, which included comments on the issues raised above;
- Donated to the Glebe Public School for a student to attend a School Camp;
- Supported (by auspicing) a grant application for a community mural in Elsie Walk ;
- Is devising a response to the NSW Transport Plan;
- Will help with the formation of Friends of Centipede;
- Will attend the City of Sydney hearing of Harold Park DA applications for Precincts 1 and 2. I will argue mainly about parking whilst alluding to our previously stated positions (www.glebesociety.org.au).

Significance

Tell your neighbours and friends that we are a grassroots community organisation, which cares for Glebe and Forest Lodge and gets thing done.

Tell them to walk the foreshore and think what it would be without the Glebe Society.

Tell them to get involved and check our website. Tell them to become a member. Find out why they are not.

John Gray

From the Terraces

The origins of the terrace

I expect that the *Bulletin's* readers will have cottoned on to my play on the word 'terrace' in the title of this regular column. The word reflects much of Glebe's iconic built environment but also refers to those level areas one sees in a stadium, filled by standing-room-only patrons, often helpfully offering advice to players in the arena. Your scribe sees herself as a rather quieter onlooker and mild commentator on heritage-related aspects of Glebe.

I have stumbled upon the fact that we have one man to thank for the terrace house. Nicholas Barbon was born in London in ca 1638. He was a physician, economist and rampant speculator. He not only became one of the most important developers after the Great Fire (1666), but also instituted fire insurance.

The Great Fire necessitated vast rebuilding, and houses of a uniform plan, joined together in rows, offered efficiencies in construction and economies in land use. And more bang for the developer's buck. The Oxford Dictionary of Architecture indicates that it is unclear whether or not Barbon was his own architect, but his housing developments were of great significance, and set the pattern of London terrace housing for years to come.

Transferred to Australia, the Georgian terrace soon acquired a verandah, in order to provide shelter from the sun and offer a pleasant outdoor seating area. The verandah was initially cantilevered from the first floor without the support of columns or posts. And with the verandah came a new material in the architectural vocabulary: ornamental cast iron. This, more than any

other material, came to define the essential character of the Australian terrace house.

Commentators suggest that Nicholas Barbon was something of a chancer, ignoring building statutes, demolishing buildings without permission and using his position as a Member of Parliament to give himself immunity from prosecution. I suspect he wouldn't have felt out of place in today's Sydney...



The grey ironbark in the Church grounds. Photo: Jan Macindoe

Heritage trees in Glebe

The Sun-Herald (26 August 2012) reported that Karen Sweeney, the City of Sydney's Arborist, had identified her Top 10 trees on the Council's Significant Tree Register. Included in her list of ten were three in Glebe:

- The row of brush box trees in Avenue Road
- The old Moreton Bay figs in Pope John Paul Reserve, and
- The grey ironbark in the grounds of St John's Church.

The latter tree Karen believes predates white settlement and may be the last remnant of a turpentine-ironbark forest which extended from Glebe and Newtown, 14 km to the west.

Trees can be added to the Register for their historic, botanic, ecological, social, cultural, commemorative, visual or aesthetic values, but a tree must satisfy at least two of the criteria to make the list. The Council's Register can be accessed at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/galleries/SignificantTreeRegister. The site also contains a wonderful photo gallery of other Glebe trees on the Register.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Neil Macindoe AOM

Perfect Spring weather in early September and the venue of Sydney's Government House combined to make the ideal setting for the investiture ceremony for recipients of the Order of Australia. Neil Macindoe, who received a Medal of the Order of Australia for 'service to the community through the preservation of local heritage in the Glebe region, and to local government' was particularly pleased to receive it from the Governor, Marie Bashir, who knows Glebe well.

After the ceremony in the beautifully decorated Government House ballroom, recipients and their family and friends were invited to enjoy refreshments in the garden.



Photo: Jan Macindoe

Planning Matters

Strata Title

The Strata Scheme Act of 1973, which consolidated the rules for Strata Title which began in 1961, is well overdue for review, and this is now currently under way. The Glebe Society may well have mixed feelings about the Act. It was made so that people could obtain Torrens Titles to flats, and thus secure mortgages to buy them. This led to a surge of multi-dwelling construction, the now notorious three and four-storey walk-ups that disfigure so many suburbs of Sydney, often replacing heritage buildings. Many of the Society's early battles were fought to prevent such demolitions and low-quality developments.

The Act was designed with these quite small scale developments in mind. Over the ensuing forty years multi-dwelling developments have become increasingly large and complex, such as we see at Pymont and on the Children's Hospital site, and if we can believe the developers and the architects who rely on them for employment such as Chris Johnson and Liz Farrelly, at least some of them are better built. They would want to be. Many of the earlier blocks are now falling apart, and are increasingly costly to maintain. Many of them also occupy very valuable sites, and developers are keen to see if they can knock them down and put up something better, and probably larger. The recent fire at Bankstown on 3 September shows that even contemporary blocks can leave a lot to be desired.

Hence one of the proposals for a revised Act is to allow the Body Corporate to sell the block without the consent of all the owners. This is likely to be very controversial, but it is difficult to see how these blocks

will be demolished unless such a rule is introduced.

This is only one of many issues regarding Strata Title that the review needs to address. Earlier this year I attended a City U3A course on Strata Title held in Pymont, and it was a revelation. While I have no doubt that moving to a unit makes a lot of sense for empty-nesters and retirees, and can also be appropriate for couples or singles without many responsibilities, under the present unreformed Act it is definitely a case of 'buyer beware'. No doubt there are many purchasers who are quite happy with their choice, and enjoy the benefits some multi-dwelling buildings provide, but for many it has proved a minefield.

Multi-dwelling buildings are certain to become more common. The State Government sees them as the solution to the shortage of housing, and the lack of suitable land for more traditional housing makes them economically attractive. As a proportion of total housing, such buildings will probably exceed ten percent. Even in Glebe, which until now has had relatively few strata titles, residential development of the Harold Park site means a sharp increase over the next eight years, and of course we have seen a lot go up in the areas around us.

The Department of Fair Trading publishes a booklet, *Strata Living*, which should be required reading for all those thinking about purchasing a unit, as should the columns by Jimmy Thomson which are published under the title *Flat Chat* in the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

Durham Court, 417 Glebe Point Road

This proposal was previously withdrawn when it became clear the City

would not approve something that clearly exceeded Council's controls. However, despite amendment to the CityPlan that reduced the maximum height for this site, the developer has chosen to resubmit an almost identical proposal. Naturally the Society has objected, as have many nearby residents.

15 Ross Street, Forest Lodge

Victorian weatherboard buildings are quite rare in Glebe, and most are in Forest Lodge. The City's Development Control Plan supports their retention, and the Society has written suggesting any alterations and extensions to this residential building should leave the original weatherboard section intact.

Harold Park

Members will recall that in the Planning Report in the July *Bulletin* I stated the Society would continue to argue for height and density reductions for the Stage 1 DA, and in addition we would raise a number of other traffic and environmental issues.

In the Annual Planning Report I gave a brief account of the two and a half hour effort on 26 July to persuade the Central Sydney Planning Committee to adopt these reductions, and the resistance of the Committee to substantial change. At the same time Council said it would give further consideration to the other matters the Society raised.

The Lord Mayor has now written a detailed response to the other issues we raised, and the Management Committee has decided to publish this response for the information of members. See Clover Moore's letter on the next page of this *Bulletin*.

- Neil Macindoe

Lord Mayor of Sydney

10 September 2012



Dear Neil

D/2011/1298 - Harold Park Redevelopment Stage 1 DA

I refer to your letter about the Glebe Society's concerns with the Stage 1 development application (DA) for the Harold Park redevelopment. On 26 July 2012, the Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) approved D/2011/1298 with a number of conditions to address community concerns. The conditions will ensure the impact of the development doesn't detract from the amenity of nearby residents.

The CSPC approved the DA because the proposal generally complied with the planning controls and will deliver public benefits including the dedication of 3.8ha of land for public open space, 500m² of space in the tram sheds for community facilities and 2,500m² of land for affordable housing. The City sees the adaptive reuse of the tram sheds as a priority and the CSPC imposed a number of conditions of consent on the DA to ensure this happens. The developer has also indicated they will be submitting a DA for the tram sheds before submitting a DA for Precinct 4.

The City's Heritage unit also supports investigating your suggestion to return the WW1 memorial to Harold Park.

The CSPC included Condition 88 for the signals at the new intersection at Minogue Crescent, to be delivered within 12 months of the occupation of Precinct 1, earlier than originally proposed. The CSPC also required Mirvac to investigate a temporary road at this intersection for construction traffic while Precinct 1 is being constructed.

The City is investigating further alternatives for managing construction traffic and the CSPC imposed a number of conditions of consent to achieve this. They include Condition 42, which imposes restrictions on

construction vehicles to minimise impacts on surrounding residents.

I appreciate your concern that the development should include sustainable measures such as trigeneration, automated waste disposal systems, greywater reuse and accessible roof gardens. Under the Sydney Local Environmental Plan (Harold Park) 2011 new housing will need to exceed current BASIX energy and water efficiency targets by 25 per cent in order to achieve the total floor space allowed under the plan.

While the City can't compel the developer to provide an automated waste disposal system, the development does propose stormwater capture and reuse and the CSPC endorsed Condition 19, requiring the future buildings to provide green roofs in accordance with the submitted plans.

The City will consider public access to the parts of the site not yet being developed. However, we'll also need to consider public safety as the rest of the site will be under construction. Regardless, the developer will hand over the 3.8ha of public open space prior to the occupation of Precinct 1.

The City will coordinate the design and embellishment of the public open space, alongside the master plan for the adjoining parklands. The interpretation strategy for the award-winning garden will be part of this work.

You can see the planner's report and the minutes of the CSPC meeting, including the conditions of consent imposed by the CSPC, on the City's website at bit.ly/NY2Qfk - Item 4

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the DA for the Harold Park redevelopment, you can contact Silvia Correia, Senior Planner, on 9265 9333 or at scorreia@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

I also note your comments on extending the light rail network through the city centre. Public transport improvements are outside the control of the developer, but Condition 18 of the CSPC's conditions of consent requires the de-

veloper to update the Green Travel Plan as and when the NSW Government makes improvements to the public transport network.

The City is working closely with the NSW Government to create the Sydney Light Rail Strategic Plan, which looks into the feasibility of extending light rail from Central Station to Circular Quay along George Street, and then on to Barangaroo via Walsh Bay and Hickson Road.

The City recently exhibited our transport strategy and action plan - Connecting Our City. The report includes actions, in collaboration with the NSW Government, to make it easier to move around our city, such as increasing public transport capacity and reducing public transport travel times and pedestrian delays at important intersections. You can see the Connecting Our City report at bit.ly/GA01QT.

I have passed on your comments about returning the Johnston's Creek area to a more natural state to City staff. However, Johnston's Creek is outside the Harold Park redevelopment site.

City staff will consider your comments as they create a master plan for the parklands around Johnston's Creek. This plan aims to identify and strengthen the ecological value of the parklands, and provide a long-term design and planning framework for Bicentennial, Jubilee and Federal Parks. It will also guide new additions to the parklands such as land along The Crescent, the former Harold Park Paceway site and 'The Hill' next to the Jubilee Park light rail stop. Sydney Water owns the canal and some portions of land next to it, so City staff will be working closely with Sydney Water to prepare the master plan.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the master plan, you can contact Lisa Dodd, Landscape Architect, 9265 9333 or ldodd@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor of Sydney

The Meaning of Sustainability in Inner Sydney

Notes from a talk by Lucy Turnbull at the Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, 26 August 2012

Sustainability is a multi-faceted concept. Like a diamond it has so many facets. It can mean anything depending on the context, however, whatever sense of the word 'sustainable' you are using,

Glebe is one of the most sustainable areas I know – it has many of the key ingredients:

- It is possible to walk or take public transport to work – it is easy to be motor vehicle independent.
- It is socially sustainable and socially diverse - people from many different ages and backgrounds live here. One of the key strengths is the proximity to Sydney University and UTS – it is very much a part of the central Sydney arc of innovation and knowledge. There is a strong level of community involvement and engagement.
- There is a very good sense of volunteerism, with Centipede a very good example. Kids are provided with a 'normal' breakfast (orange juice etc) and they are also fed in the afternoons. It helps kids learn.
- The community is mixed but there is no sense that anyone feels better than anyone else – it typifies the Sydney and Australian ethos of egalitarianism and the idea that we live in an open society.
- It has good models of community consultation (or, better, engagement). For example there was a Saturday spent at Broadway shopping centre where everyone was equal in the discussion, including the Lord Mayor. We all put our ideas on butcher paper and moved from table to table to discuss different issues. It was not driven by a government, but very community led and driven – this is the best sort of community engagement there is.

But getting back to the wider idea of sustainability, it is very contextual



Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO.
Photo: Jom, courtesy of Lucy Turnbull

– it can mean what you want it to mean.

A multiplicity of agencies with a lack of coordination between levels of government is the enemy of sustainability. Where coordination exists it can bring great results for urban renewal for example Redfern, Waterloo and Pyrmont. You can see fragmentation at work in what was required to make the Glebe Foreshore happen – and to complete it.

As Lord Mayor, I wished to leave a legacy as I was not certain I would get Labor Party support for an extended term in the 2004 elections. This legacy in Glebe was the Waterfront Walk. It involved the purchase of private land, and quite an act of administrative will. Realisation of the vision of an extended walk is still hampered by the multiplicity of government agencies who own or control land. There are still many obstacles for planning the Bays Precinct – state, local and private interests. Renewing the fish markets and continuing the Glebe Walk to Pyrmont and into the city should be a big priority for the redevelopment of the Bays Precinct.

Redfern is a good example of state/local collaboration which has

brought renewal and a change in demographics, with young families now moving into the suburb. Pyrmont works as a densely populated and high rise urban project that is now very sustainable. So urban renewal and increasingly sustainable communities can be seen in many different parts of the inner city.

The 19th century inner city terrace house suburbs like Glebe are some of the most sustainable there are, but in this century we have to look to even denser urban forms, for example in Pyrmont with high rise and medium rise buildings, if we are going to get urban renewal and social, economic and environmental sustainability at the same time.

In the 21st century new urban forms are legitimate and needed. New York is a great example of sustainable high density city. It has a strong governance structure based around Borough Presidents so developments are driven from the community level by Community Boards, which have 50 members and are appointed by Borough Presidents who sit alongside the Mayor and elected councillors. Each Community Board represents about 200,000 people.

There's a role for federal government in coordinating city planning. The Better Cities Program initiated by Brian Howe and Paul Keating in the early 1990s was a contributor to the renewal of Pyrmont and the introduction of the Light Rail.

More recently, regular State of the Cities Reports have been published (since 2010) and these are really valuable documents which describe the key facts and issues our cities are facing. It gives indicators on the health of cities. As the State of Cities Report and National Urban Policy state, our cities really do

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have to be prosperous, productive, liveable, and sustainable. As we are one of the most urbanised nations on earth, if they are not, then Australia is not.

In 2009 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) asked the COAG Reform Council to look at how effective Australian capital cities' metropolitan planning systems were, particularly at managing the challenges of future growth. I was deputy chair of the Cities Expert Panel. Advising on the preparation of that report was a fascinating exercise. We did site visits to all the capital cities and had workshops on several issues, including how to engage with the community better, and how to plan for our future infrastructure needs.

Essentially, the report found that one of the biggest challenges Sydney faces is ensuring that transport infrastructure and land use planning are all much better integrated than they have been. Which brings us back to the old problem of fragmentation. One of the biggest areas of fragmentation is that we have 43 different local governments in the area of metropolitan Sydney.

NSW is currently working on four Plans: Transport; Infrastructure; Planning – both the review of the planning system and a new Metropolitan Plan – and a review of Local Government.

The Green Paper on Planning aims to improve community engagement with a Charter of Public Participation. I think this is a very good idea. There is a lot of cynicism in the community of what are the real aims and objectives of the types of consultation currently undertaken and how genuine they really are. I think we need to build a consultation model which is less top down and more 'peer to peer'.

Another innovation in the Green Paper is to create larger sub-regions

so that integrated planning is easier to achieve. Local government is too small to be able to do this, as it does not have much influence on any of the urban systems – transport, water and utilities, major roads etc – that are so important to how cities work, and state government is too big to be able to do it. The idea is to set the parameters for different sub-regions – both land zoning and housing types, as well as necessary and desirable infrastructure (soft and hard) and transport to allow development that aligns with these parameters to proceed. In many cases, there is no further need for consultation with the community, for example with developments that cannot be seen from the street or where a proposed development complies with present zoning height and density controls. Community involvement ideally needs to be concentrated at the strategic or 'macro' level and done up-front in the planning process. That way, it is more likely that good decisions can be taken that will make the difference to whether we really do plan in an integrated way for population growth and demographic change and whether we rise to meet the challenge placed on us by growth and change – and thus whether we are sustainable or not.

- Lucy Turnbull

Glebe Public School Year 6 Camp

Once again, the Glebe Society and some individual members donated money to enable all the Year 6 students to attend a camp at Mowbray Park. The School Principal, Vicki Pogulis, and the Deputy Principal, Bryce Walker, (Year 6 Teacher) were the initiators and drivers of this wonderful opportunity of experiential learning in a working farm. Students had close contact with farm animals, machinery and other outdoor activities that would never be possible in Glebe.

The donors were all invited to attend a 'thank you' morning tea with the students, Bryce and Vicki. The Glebe Society President John Gray, Di Gray and I represented the Glebe Society and those donors who were unable to attend owing to other commitments.

The students spoke of their experiences, the fun and the activities that were new to them. There was a sample presentation of photos (from over 550) that teachers and students snapped at the various activities. The Year 6 class finished the morning with a song. Glebe Public School is to be commended for its significance in the community and flying a flag for Public Education.

- Jan Wilson



A group photo taken at the Camp

The Glebe Community

Glebe Art Show 2012

The Art Show Opening on Friday 7 September was well attended, as usual. The Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, presented the awards very graciously. She received rousing applause when she reminded everyone to vote the next day.

Robin Lawrence thanked the City of Sydney, Tim Smith of Timbar, who provided the liquor, and many other Glebe businesses. Their generosity was most appreciated, as was the time and effort put in by the organising committee and the support from Library staff.

Main Prize winners:

Open Art Prize: Emily Hunt *Mexican Thief*.

Painting Prize: Paul Procee *Carl Vine*

Works on Paper: Mark Spence
Vale *Claudia*

Photography (joint winners):
Patra Petrohilos *Clown* and Cathy Totten *Hidden/Revealing*

Youth Prize: Stacey Barker *Two Negatives Make a Positive*

The People's Prize (announced after the exhibition closed): J. J. Rio *Family Portrait*



The People's Choice - *Family Portrait*.
Photo: Christine Webb

Friends of Centipede launch Friday 2 November

The Glebe Society is supporting the formation of a new program called Friends of Centipede. Centipede is the before and after school care centre at Glebe Public School. It provides children from diverse backgrounds with stimulating and enjoyable activities in a caring and nurturing environment. It also provides nutritional breakfasts, after school snacks and dinner. There are families at Centipede who live in a constant chronic cycle of poverty, unemployment and social exclusion leading to them being limited in their ability to pay for the services provided. Centipede is a registered charity that receives insufficient government assistance to cover the costs of supporting all the children in need.

The hope is that Friends of Centipede will provide ongoing support for Centipede including raising funds to keep the centre going. The Friends of Centipede will be launched at an event hosted by the Glebe Society at the Glebe Rowing Club at 6pm on Friday, 2 November.

A new short video about Centipede, being created by nineteen year old Glebe Society member Jarrah Cohen with the staff of Centipede, will be shown for the first time on the night. There will also be an auction of some donated artworks including a print by Glebe's own Reg Mombassa.

There will be more details about the work of Centipede, the new Friends of Centipede and the launch event in the October *Bulletin*. If you or members of your network would like to support Centipede, please come along on the night to find out more about it.

- Bill Simpson-Young

Wentworth Park Community Games

Sunday 21 October,
11am - 2pm

This fun event will be held on the Wentworth Park greyhound track and the oval on Sunday 21 October. The games have been held every year since 2008 as part of a program to bring together the communities of Glebe, Forest Lodge, Ultimo and Pyrmont which surround the park. In each year they have attracted wide community participation.

The objective of the games is for people from these communities to meet and get to know each other, to showcase the park itself and to encourage active participation by children and adults in the novelty events. The highlight is the races for pet dogs, both large and small, around the greyhound track. The races are often taken very seriously by the dog owners but there are many unintended and hilarious performances by the dogs themselves. Last year the games attracted around a thousand people and about two hundred pet dogs.

The events this year will include a vintage car display, a photo history display, a dog agility event, a photo pop up display, people's games including table tennis, people's relays, a tug o' war and the dog race heats and finals. A jazz band will provide the music. Local schools will run food stalls.

Come along and enjoy some free and light hearted competition and fun.

The games will start at 11am and will wind up around 2pm.

- Murray Jewell

The Glebe Community

Glebe Street Fair

This year's Glebe Street Fair will be on Sunday 18 November. The fair in this form has been held since 1984 and followed on from the previous Glebe Food Fair. The fair is run by the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, supported by the City of Sydney, and is run on a not-for-profit basis with proceeds used by the Chamber to support local community projects.

The Glebe Society will join with other community groups in a combined 'Glebe Community' stall. We will be sharing the stall with Glebe School Community Centre, Centipede, Glebe Youth Services and the Glebe Community Development Project (from the University of Sydney).

At the stall, the Glebe Society will be distributing information about the Society, upcoming community events and other initiatives including Glebe Walks and the Eglinton Road project. If you want to volunteer to be on the stall for one hour or more, please contact me on bsimyo@gmail.com or 0411 871 214.

- Bill Simpson-Young

Trivia Night fundraiser

The Glebe Public School Trivia Night will be at Forest Lodge Hotel, 117 Arundel Street, Friday 12 October from 6.30pm (7pm start)

Gourmet pizza and salads included in the ticket price – Glebe Public School parents and friends \$15, Community and friends \$20.

Charles Firth (of The Chaser) is MC. Silent Auctions and Raffle

Book now! Tickets from Brett or Rachel, email gpstrivia@yahoo.com.au or phone Brett on 0433 436 787.

Tranby Conversations

The first in a series of *Tranby Conversations* being arranged by Tranby Aboriginal College, the Friends of Tranby and *Tracker Magazine* will be held at:

St John's Hall (*Record Reign Hall*), corner of Derwent Street and St Johns Road, Glebe

on **Tuesday 9 October at 7pm.**
Light refreshments at 6.30pm.

The topic:

Aboriginal Social Justice – Have we surrendered?

The indigenous speakers are Larissa Behrendt, Roy Ah-See and Michael Anderson.

The evening will be moderated by Professor Bob Morgan, Executive Director at Tranby.

Come and hear the discussion, ask questions and take part.

There is limited seating at the Hall, so you should call Raylene on 9660 3444 to register. Gold coin donation at the door.



Professor Robert Dixon

Our speaker Robert Dixon's two books on Frank Hurley are *Photography, Early Cinema and Colonial Modernity: Frank Hurley's Synchronised Lecture Entertainments* and *The Diaries of Frank Hurley 1912-1941*, both published by Anthem Press.

Photo: Edwna Doe

Blue Wrens news

Planting Day, Palmerston Avenue and Sarah Pennington reserves

Life expired poplars and oleanders were removed and beds prepared in time for this successful planting day on 9 September, arranged by the City of Sydney, attracting around 30 appreciative local residents and many children. The Blue Wrens group managed registration, gave out information, helped with the planting and confused planters by playing a tape of blue wrens singing. Habitat enhancement in this area has been a longstanding dream of the Blue Wren group and this event follows successful past negotiations with Council officers.

Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery moves to new Annandale location

The Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery has now moved into the new nursery, custom-built by Leichardt Council, in Wisdom Road, Annandale. The wonderful new premises are the fulfillment of a longstanding dream and represent years of complex negotiations with the NSW government, followed by decontamination. The situation of a semblance of joint responsibility for the nursery between the City of Sydney and Leichardt Councils is now over. The new nursery, built at a cost of at least \$500,000, is for Leichardt requirements, with the City of Sydney now 'purchasing' plants if there is an excess. The Glebe Bushcare group (which needs new members) still starts each Wednesday morning at 9am from the old Chapman Avenue nursery site, where it stores its equipment and has morning tea.

- Jan Craney

Glebe Society events

Frank Hurley

A small but enthusiastic group assembled in Record Reign Hall to hear Professor Robert Dixon of the University of Sydney (see page 10) give an illustrated talk on this famous photographer, born in Derwent Street in 1887.

Hurley, who served as photographer for both Mawson and Shackleton in the Antarctic was as different from them as chalk and cheese. Prof. Dixon traced the origins of Hurley's famous 'synchronised lecture entertainments' to pre-war vaudeville showmanship with its broad popular appeal. Hurley was less concerned with scientific accuracy than with telling a good story, and presenting it in the most exciting way, an approach that drove the official War Historian, C.E.W. Bean, to distraction. Nevertheless, it is often Hurley's images, always rearranged, and often composites, that stick in our minds. Who can ever forget the images of Mawson's men in a blizzard, bent almost horizontal; Shackleton's sailing ship trapped and crushed by the ice; or the luminous clouds with their hints of angel faces looming over the desolation of Passchendaele?

Hurley took his 'entertainments' to the USA and the UK, and played to packed audiences. He embraced the possibilities of aerial photography, to the extent that he led people to believe he had flown with Keith Smith in the lumbering Vickers Vimy all the way from London to Sydney, rather than just from Charleville in Queensland. In the end it was daring front line photographers like Damien Parer, with their new SLR cameras, that outclassed Hurley with a truth no manipulation could create. Hurley was great in his day, but by 1930 that day had passed.

- Neil Macindoe

23rd Glebe Music Festival



You are warmly invited to attend one or both of the concerts at *Margaretta Cottage*, 6 Leichhardt Street, Glebe Point, on Saturday 10 November.

The concerts feature the young Bulgarian pianist Evgeny Genchev, recently graduated from the Royal Academy of Music in London. At 3pm he will accompany Queensland cellist Sam Lucas Brahms' Cello Sonata No 1. The concert will also feature a musician who is very well-known at the Glebe Music Festival, David Miller, who will accompany flautist James Kortum. Genchev will also play a solo piano work. Tickets are available in advance or at the door, \$20/10 including food and drinks.

At 8pm, Genchev will be playing romantic works for the piano in a solo recital. Tickets \$40/\$20, including food and drinks.

The next day, Sunday 11 November at 3pm, Bel a cappella will be performing works by Dyson, Mahler, Holst and Vasks at Christ Church St Laurence, at 812b George Street, Haymarket. Tickets are available only from www.belacappella.org.au (\$30/\$25/\$20).

Don't forget the free concerts; Thursday 15 November at 7pm at *Benledi* (soprano, piano, clarinet), and Saturday 17 November at 2pm at the *Record Reign Hall* (Accordions Alfresco).

For further information or to book, see the enclosed brochure or visit www.glebemusicfestival.com

- David McIntosh

Bookings essential

Flyers for two Glebe Society events are enclosed with this *Bulletin*. Please book straight away if you want to come, or you might miss out.

Book by 12 October

For **Mawson's Expeditions to the Antarctic**, Sunday 21 October, 5.30-7.30pm at *Benledi*. This is a repeat by request, as Dr Grahame Budd's previous talk, in April, was sold out.

Book by 15 October

For a **Guided tour of historic Cockatoo Island**, Sunday 4 November, starting at 11.45am on the island. See the flyer for further details.

Note that we require bookings several weeks in advance in order to organise the tour, but we can accept cancellations up to a week before the day.

- Dorothy Davis

Glebe Society Communications

The group formed to make future plans for the *Bulletin*, the Website and other forms of communication is making good progress.

Next year someone else in the group will have the title of Editor, but there are various other roles to be filled, such as gathering and checking material, finding and photoshopping illustrations, planning layout, organising the printing and managing the mail out and distribution of the *Bulletin*. Whether or not you have had any previous experience, if you would like to get involved please email me.

- Edwina Doe
editor@glebesociety.org

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 4 October** we will share an Indian meal at *Darbar*, 134 Glebe Point Road (near the corner of St Johns Road).

On **Thursday 1 November** we will return to *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Road.

And in **December**, we will go to *Almustafa* Lebanese restaurant, 23 Glebe Point Road. The date, which depends on the Glebe Society Christmas Party date, will be announced next month,

Please email me (edwinadoc@optusnet.com.au) or ring me (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

Players in the Pub

Two Edwardian rustic comedies - forgotten one-act gems directed by Susan Kennedy - are next in this popular series of moved and costumed playreadings:

Rory Aforesaid by John Brandane - A case of sheep stealing comes before the Court in Torlochan in the West Highlands of Scotland.

Birds of a Feather by J O Francis - Poachers Twm Tinker and Dicky Bach Dwl meet some unexpected travellers on a roadside in rural Wales.

7pm **Wednesday** 24 October, upstairs at the Harold Park Hotel 70A Ross Street Glebe. Free admission

Mine host Will Ryan is opening the kitchen for orders from 5.30pm. The menu includes snacks and light meals (\$12-\$15) and chargrilled beef, lamb or chicken (\$17-\$20).

SMALL-large-big-LITTLE

Gallery Red & the Sydney Fringe Festival present SMALL-large-big-LITTLE: a sculpture exhibition by artists Warwick Saxby and Chidzey.

SMALL-large-big-LITTLE runs from 28 September to 16 October 2012. 11/131-145 Glebe Point Road,

Please join us on Friday 28 September, 6-8pm for drinks and to meet the artists.

Maureen Cahill at Salerno Gallery

As part of our 30 year celebration we would like to invite you to see Maureen Cahill's 'BETWEEN the LINES* but with the cracks'

This show will be at Salerno Gallery (next door to Glass Artists' Gallery), 70 Glebe Point Road from 27 September to 14 October.

Come along and hear Maureen Cahill talk about her work, 2pm Saturday 29 September.

Women on Boards

Do you want to play an active role linking community needs and government services?

Do you have leadership skills, drive and commitment? If so, you may want to consider signing up to the NSW Government's register of people interested in serving on boards or committees.

For further information and to get your name on the register, please go to www.boards.dpc.nsw.gov.au

NSW Government notice, 7 September

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For your diary ...

- Wednesday 3 October, 1pm** - RAHS Lecture about Ultimo, 133 Macquarie Street. See page 2.
- Thursday 4 October, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday, *Darbar*, 124 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.
- Tuesday 9 October, 6.30pm for 7pm** – *Tranby* Conversations, *Record Reign Hall*, St Johns Road. See page 10.
- Wednesday 10 October, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Friday 12 October, 6.30pm for 7pm** – Trivia Night fundraiser for Glebe Public School, held at Forest Lodge Hotel, Arundel Street. See page 10.
- Sunday 21 October, 11am - 2pm** – Wentworth Park Community Games, Wentworth Park. See page 9.
- Sunday 21 October, 5.30 - 7.30pm** – Douglas Mawson talk, *Benledi*. See Flyer.
- Wednesday 24 October, 7pm** – Players in the Pub, Harold Park Hotel. See page 12.
- Thursday 1 November, 7pm** – Thirsty Thursday, *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Road. See page 12.
- Friday 2 November, 6pm** – Friends of Centipede launch, Glebe Rowing Club, Ferry Road. See page 9.
- Sunday 4 November, starting at 11.45am on the Island** – Cockatoo Island Tour. See Flyer.
- Friday 9 November, 'Wake'** for Bernard Smith, Harold Park Hotel. See page 2.
- 9 November to 2 December** – the 23rd Annual Glebe Music Festival. See page 11.
- Wednesday 14 November, 7pm** – Management Committee meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
- Sunday 18 November** – Glebe Street Fair. See page 10.

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

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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