



# Glebe Society Bulletin

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## **CONTEMPT FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

### ***Bays Precinct 'Urban Renewal' Project***

*Lesley Lynch and others write:* We have been waiting for some time for the behind the scenes Government activity on potential development plans – for the Bays Precinct to emerge into public view.

It has now emerged, in so far as the Government is now informing us, that it has decided on a 'major urban renewal project to create new housing, recreational, retail and tourism places' through the [Bays Precinct Urban Renewal Program](#)<sup>1</sup>.

This could be a terrific opportunity for intelligent and integrated planning to renew iconic **and largely publicly owned** harbour foreshores and bays. The renewal could ensure that the public interest is protected and has precedence in this development and that private development activity is commensurate with this. It could also ensure that, consistent with existing planning principles, fast diminishing publicly owned harbour foreshore land is not alienated from public ownership by sale or long term lease. The community could be fully engaged in the process.

Alternatively, we could be in for another *Barangaroo*: typified by contempt for the public interest, decision making shrouded in secrecy and a development outcome which blatantly favoured private interests over those of the community.

Many of us have spent the best part of a decade trying to ensure that the extraordinary public asset of these bays is not vandalised by government and developers, so far with limited success.

But now is time to re-engage. The statement from UrbanGrowth makes some positive statements about the community role and the community's previous inputs. However, it makes no commitment to substantive engagement and flags a 'summit' of 'global, national and local urban renewal specialists' in November. The 'outcomes' of this will be 'discussed' with the community at a 'stakeholder event in February'.

We have all been through such post-hoc 'consultations' previously. This will not do.

There is also additional information on the UrbanGrowth website, including a set of [FAQs](#)<sup>2</sup>,

which make it clear that the project team is well briefed on the issues that emerged from the BP Task Force Report and the earlier BP Community Reference Group. The answers are worth close reading.

**We are determined to be engaged from this point on.** As a start, we are convening a meeting of interested residents and residents groups and our parliamentary and council representatives to discuss ASAP.

#### **BAYS PRECINCT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT**

**PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Monday 4 August 6pm  
Glebe Town Hall**

**RSVP Glebe Society [Website](#):  
<http://www.glebesociety.org.au/wordpress/?p=9855>**

*Email, tweet and generally distribute this invitation to interested community members. We hope to see many of you on 4 Aug.*

**Carolyn Allen** (BPCRG member and President Balmain Association)

**John Brooks** (BPCRG member and Pymont Action Inc)

**Dr Lesley Lynch**, (BPCRG and BP Taskforce member and Glebe Society)

**Professor Jane Marceau** (BPCRG and BP Taskforce member and White Bay Joint Steering Committee).

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## Not another Bays Precinct public meeting!!

Yes, another meeting in the decade long advocacy. And we need it. Just perhaps we are at a major positive turning point. But, more likely, we are at a very dangerous moment.

There has been considerable publicity since the Premier's announcement of the Bays Precinct Urban Renewal Project and our calling a public meeting. Elizabeth Farrelly was spot on in highlighting the kinds of concerns that have led us to call this meeting in a deservedly blunt *SMH* piece, '[Down the Rabbit Hole with the urban growers](#)'<sup>1</sup> (*SMH* 24/7/14). Her theme was the pervasive inability of recent governments – including this one – to distinguish between the 'public interest' and 'private profit'. She has more than a small point.

A NSW Government's decision to call for an integrated and strategic planning approach to the Bays Precinct renewal should be filling us with joy. We have been calling for just such an approach for well over a decade in increasingly desperate attempts to stop the one-off ad hoc deals that have typified Bays redevelopment to date.

There is nothing in the recent history of either the previous Labour or the current Coalition Governments to provide any confidence that the views of the public will be given any serious consideration or that the public interest in the redevelopment of these **publicly owned** iconic – and immensely valuable – harbour foreshores and bays will be given priority.

Nor is there **anything** in the Government's triumphant announcements that might suggest this process will be different.

Considerable planning work has occurred within Urban Growth. We know nothing about it, nor who has been involved. Unsolicited proposals have been floating around – we have no information about their status. A summit is to be held. Someone is deciding on who will be invited. Presumably there is a clear concept brief of some sort to give guidance to these international and local experts. We are not privy to that. There is a long list of the kinds of experts who are being invited. It does not include any version of 'community representatives'. No 'community' representative from either of the Government's Bays Precinct Community Reference Group or Task Force has heard a thing – beyond a generic notice of the project and an assurance that our work will be considered.



The Bays Precinct (image: <http://www.urbangrowthnsw.com.au>)

But no need to worry: 'The outcomes of the international summit will be put to the community at a stakeholder event to be held in February 2015' ([Press release, NSWNOW: the New State of Business](#))<sup>2</sup>. **Not good enough!**

The public meeting will consider **core principles** that must guide the renewal of this hugely important, publicly owned precinct and **ways we can persuade, or force, the Government** to include the public ('the people') in all stages of the deliberations around this project. This will include how best to **engage a much broader Sydney-wide (even NSW-wide) alliance** in this campaign to protect the public interest in the Bays Precinct Renewal project.

It will help if you can come along on Monday 4 Aug at 6pm at the Glebe Town Hall.

*Lesley Lynch*  
Convenor, Bays and Foreshores

REFERENCES: 1. <http://www.smh.com.au/comment/down-the-rabbit-hole-with-the-urban-growers-20140723-zvz8f.html>; 2. <http://www.urbangrowthnsw.com.au/downloads/file/ourprojects/TheBaysPrecinctInternationalSummit.pdf>

*The decision to call a public meeting was made by a number of the community representatives on the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group (2009-10) and the BP Task Force 2013 who reconvened themselves on 26 May 2014 to discuss how to reinsert the community into discussions about the future of the Bays Precinct which were occurring behind the scenes. These community representatives were from the following community organisations: The Glebe Society Inc; the Balmain Association; Blackwattle Bay Coalition; Pyrmont Action Inc; White Bay Joint Steering Committee, Council of Ultimo Pyrmont Associations.*

## From the President

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### Invitation to attend the Glebe Society's 45<sup>th</sup> AGM

All members of the Society, and especially new members, are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society at Glebe Town Hall, St Johns Rd Glebe on Sunday Aug 31 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 Meredith Burgmann on Communities: Dissent and Assent. Meredith is a well-known resident and long-time member of the Glebe Society. Her work in human rights, as an activist, politician and author, shows consistency of principle and commitment.

After Meredith's talk, there will time to enjoy refreshments and chat with other members.

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### 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 Friday 22 Aug 2014. Please get in touch with me ([president@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:president@glebesociety.org.au)) or Di Gray ([secretary@glebesociety.org.au](mailto: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 about the Management Committee and our very active subcommittees that are open to any member to join. A Nomination Form is available on our website (<http://www.glebesociety.org.au/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Nomination-Form-2014.pdf>).

*John Gray, President*

**Welcome New Members**  
Jenna Reed Burns and Philip Reed

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## Planning Matters – Neil Macindoe

### 179 Glebe Point Rd

There is an application for this shop, part of the intact row of Heritage shops known as Elphinstone Terrace after the architect who designed them, to become a pharmacy. The Society has objected to the installation of a steel roller shutter, contrary to Council's heritage controls.

### 225 Glebe Point Rd, Ancient Briton ('AB')

#### Hotel

The backlit advertising on the upper floor windows mentioned in the May *Bulletin* has been removed as we requested. It contravened Council's Advertising controls.

### 87 Bay St

Oakstand Pty Ltd, the new developers of this site, the former Government Garage site on the corner of Wentworth Park Rd, gave a presentation to the Committee on 9 Jul. We expect a development application will be lodged shortly.

The site is immediately adjacent to the Department of Housing affordable housing site that has been

neglected for so long. City Council approved an amendment to the CityPlan to allow greater height and density at 87 Bay St in return for a significant affordable housing element, in this case 7.3% or 23 dwellings.

The plans we saw are the result of a design competition and a considerable improvement over those presented to the Committee in 2012. There is a major pedestrian link, including seating, through the centre of the site to Wentworth Park, which is proposed to have the existing College of Hair and Beauty on the western side and publicly accessible retail (such as cafés) on the eastern. There are four residential towers of unequal height rising above a podium housing the College and other businesses.

Members of the Committee asked some searching questions, and we can anticipate thorough scrutiny when the DA is advertised.

### 244 Glebe Point Rd, Hartford

This is probably the best known of the Federation mansions in Glebe, and is of course a Heritage

Item. The new owners have applied to make a number of changes, including making the basement habitable, the ground floor more open, and some facilities more modern.

Most of these changes are internal, except for the pavilion. The grounds are also proposed to be relandscaped. This would include removal of eight trees, including two that are very prominent, a magnolia and a fig, that are claimed to be causing some problems with the front fence. There does not appear to be any intention to recreate period landscaping. There is no doubt the removal of the magnolia, especially, will be very noticeable. Two

small verandahs at the rear that have been enclosed some time after the house was built will be opened up, and a new glass pavilion erected on a mushroom pillar.

I have a certain sympathy with these changes. My recollection of the interior is that while large, it is split into small and inconvenient spaces. However, this is an important building and garden, and hence significant changes should be run past the National Trust and Council's Heritage Advisor.

*Neil Macindoe*  
Planning Convenor

## 45th Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society

Sunday 31 Aug 2014 11am – 1pm, Glebe Town Hall

### Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society Inc will be held at 11am on Sunday 31 Aug, 2014 at The Glebe Town Hall, St Johns Rd. The agenda for the meeting is published below.

#### **Nominations for Committee**

Office bearers of the Society and other members of the Management Committee will be elected at the AGM. Nominations close on Friday 22 Aug 2014.

Members are warmly encouraged to consider the benefits of active involvement in your Society.

#### **Invitation**

All financial members of the Society, and especially new members, are invited to attend the AGM and to hear Meredith Burgmann speak.

#### **Agenda**

1. **Present**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes**

Motion: That the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 25 Aug 2013 be confirmed.

4. **President's report (John Gray)**
5. **Subcommittee reports**

Some Subcommittee reports are published in this *Bulletin*. Others will be provided at the meeting. 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 2013/2014 financial year, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014, and the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2014, be received.

7. **Election of Office Bearers**
8. **Guest Speaker**

We are delighted that Meredith Burgmann has accepted our invitation to speak to members following the conclusion of the formal agenda. Her topic will be 'Communities: Dissent and Assent'

9. **Close of meeting**

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



#### **Little Devils Soccer Program**

Free Open Day for 3 to 6 year olds

Saturday 23 August; anytime between 12 – 2 pm

Glebe PCYC

## History & Heritage

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### Has Tom Uren's vision become permanently dimmed?

Forty years on, has Tom Uren's vision become permanently dimmed? On 6 Aug 1974 Tom Uren, the Federal Minister for Urban and Regional Development in the Whitlam Government succeeded in steering the *Glebe Lands (Appropriation) Act (1974)* through the Parliament.<sup>1</sup> Under this legislation the Federal Government acquired the Glebe Estate, comprising 723 dwelling properties and 27 commercial buildings on approximately 57 acres, which had always been a working class area in which tenants rented from the Church of England.

The Glebe Lands, consisted primarily of the two Church estates of St Phillip's and Bishopthorpe and were the remnants of what had once been a 400 acre grant to the church by Governor Arthur Phillip; land that had originally been 'given over to the Rev. Richard Johnston ... to clear and farm'.<sup>2</sup> In 1824 the lands came under the control of the Church and School Corporation which was created 'for the maintenance of religion and education of our youth of the Colony of NSW'.<sup>3</sup> Much of the rest was subsequently sold off to private development, but St Phillip's and Bishopthorpe were developed in the 1840s, 50s and 60s as Church-owned worker's housing.

By the early 1970s the cost of maintaining the aged, deteriorating premises with income limited due to fixed rents, proved to be sufficient motivation for the Church to plan to sell part of its land. In addition, the NSW State Government was planning to plough major expressways through Glebe, further destroying the quality of life in an area already suffering serious urban blight. Action was needed to protect the community, its environment and its heritage.

The foundation of the Glebe Society in 1969 under the presidency of Bernard Smith was largely a response to these threats. The added significance of proposed Green Bans led by Jack Mundey and widespread public protest led to Tom Uren stating, on the eve of the Federal elections, that 'no federal funds would be committed to the construction of urban expressways until their social and environmental impact was assessed'.<sup>4</sup>

Calls from residential groups, the Church and the Leichhardt Municipal Council requested the Australian Government to ensure that the lands remained under single ownership so that they were not fragmented. When 'in April 1973 the Church of

England suggested in its submissions to the Poverty Inquiry that it would be willing to sell the property to a public authority'<sup>5</sup>, the opportunity arose. The bill was enacted and the process of urban renewal in Glebe commenced. While fragmentation would have resulted in increased loss of low income housing in the inner city, public acquisition could ensure the continued provision of housing for low income earners and aged people in this area.

In recalling this ambitious urban rehabilitation scheme Tom Uren noted three main reasons for the purchase: 'we bought the Glebe Estate ... first of all, to protect the residents living there, secondly to protect the townscape which is over 100 years old, and thirdly, to prevent that freeway distributor from going and tearing the heart and soul out of Glebe'.<sup>6</sup> It also merits noting that it was to be unique as it was also his intention to allow and encourage residents to have some input into the future of the community and its public housing.

Work on the \$8 mil scheme to restore and redevelop the estate began on 9 Oct 1974, and at an average cost of \$12,000 per dwelling, mainly consisting of reroofing, painting and interior improvements, intended for completion by 1979.<sup>7</sup> In 1985 the Commonwealth transferred the Glebe Estate to the NSW Dept. of Housing<sup>8</sup>, and today it remains under the control of Housing NSW.

Forty years have passed since this important urban project came into effect. Over that time weather and general 'wear and tear' have caused significant depredations to the housing stock. Additionally some premises have been sold off, with information from the housing authorities that the excessive cost of restoration has to be balanced against the potential income from sales which could fund the construction of new houses elsewhere. Fragmentation has indeed begun. Recently, there have also been continuous requests for adequate maintenance of the Glebe Estate's public housing stock. Tenants find it extremely difficult to obtain repairs to their premises, and records from the local SES unit, of which I am a member, verifies that the majority of call-outs from residents in the Glebe Estate are to attend premises where inadequate attention to maintenance has resulted in damage from weather events of fairly minor significance.<sup>9</sup> The cycle seems to be repeating itself.

If any further evidence is needed to illustrate the neglect of Housing NSW property, the small park

at the corner of Catherine St and Mount Vernon St is a case in point. It is sadly overgrown and neglected, so much so that the plaque recognising the work of Tom Uren in the urban renewal of the Glebe Estate in 1974 is all but lost in the 'jungle' conditions surrounding it. Is the spirit of that historic project lost too? One hopes not.



Park at the corner of Catherine St and Mount Vernon St that contains the Tom Uren plaque (Photo: Virginia Simpson-Young)

A grass roots move to recognise the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tom Uren's leadership and the significance of his foresight in protecting and preserving the Glebe Estate has recently begun.

Several events are being planned to commemorate the 40th anniversary by the Forest Lodge and Glebe Co-ordination Group, a network of community groups and agencies, community members, the Glebe Society and the Anglican Church.

With regard to the park containing the Tom Uren plaque, a campaign has commenced to restore the park to a user-friendly condition. Some neighbours of the park are planning to knit scarves to wrap the trees in, as a reminder of the anniversary. We may see a more colourful reminder if we next walk through the park on Wednesday 6 August this year. Better still, let's hope that the impetus thus far displayed is sufficient for our community to take further action, to motivate Housing NSW to do better and to create an event later this year round this milestone. One never can tell; such action could lead to greater care of a community asset, both by local people and the area's landlord.

Tom Uren's vision of protecting an engaged and diverse community in the heritage-valued Glebe Estate might be able to be celebrated after all.

*Janice Challinor, Convenor, Community*

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## Who Lived in Your Street? by Lyn Collingwood

### Strathmore on Blackwattle Bay (Part One)

Two lanes off Sheehy St – Strathmore (a dead end) and Garran – are today the only reminders of a 19<sup>th</sup> century property with grounds sloping down from Glebe Rd to the waters of Blackwattle Bay. On the five-acre estate was *Strathmore*, a three-storey stone house directly opposite George Allen's Toxteth Park to the south. The view from its roof was a panorama of the Toxteth house and gardens. *Strathmore's* name is probably from the Gaelic expression meaning 'large valley'. Number 229 Bridge Rd Forest Lodge was originally called *Strathmore*. It, too, sits atop a hillside.

Blackwattle Bay's *Strathmore* was built in 1857 for businessman and politician Alexander McArthur (1814-1909), the son of a poor Scots-Irish farmer and itinerant Wesleyan preacher. McArthur first came to Sydney for his health in 1842. After making some business connections here, he returned to Ireland where he established a softgoods company in partnership with his older

brother William. In 1851 he was back in Sydney to profit from the gold rushes, not as a digger but as a shipping agent exporting gold and importing woollen goods, then in increasing demand. He built a large warehouse in Sydney and set up branches in Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and New Zealand. The years 1854-5 he spent in England; from 1856-62 he was again living in Sydney where he was a member of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce and director of a number of companies, with interests in banking, insurance and mining. From 1859-61 he was MLA for Newtown, a free trader and an opponent of State aid for religion and of convict transportation to Western Australia.

A devout Methodist, Alexander McArthur was involved with various religious charities and societies and a committee member of the Benevolent Society. He gave £2000 towards the building of Newington College. In 1863 he settled permanently in London where in partnership with

his brother William (in 1880, Lord Mayor of London) he established the merchant house *W and A McArthur*, and sat in the Commons as MP for Leicester. William, also an MP and a wealthy benefactor to Methodist charities, died childless, and following Alexander's death on 1 Aug 1909 the latter's sons took over the running of the London firm.



Portrait of Lucy Ann Tooth (Image: State Library of Queensland)

In Aug 1853 Alexander McArthur had married Maria Bowden Boyce (1837-1912) in the Wesleyan chapel in Toxteth Park; they honeymooned at the Black Horse Hotel at Richmond, nicknamed 'Honeymoon Cottage' and a fashionable destination for newlyweds. Maria was the daughter of Wesleyan minister William Binnington Boyce by his first wife. The Boyces and Allens were closely connected by ties of geography, friendship and marriage. Maria's sister Marian married George Allen's eldest son George Wigram Allen, and William Boyce took as his second wife Jane Elizabeth Pitman Allen, George Allen's eldest daughter.<sup>1</sup>

Four of the McArthurs' ten children were born at *Strathmore* – William Alexander 1857, John Percival 1858, Lilian 1860, and Allen Gordon 1862 – and two died at Glebe – babies Alexander Boyce 1856 and Lilian 1862. Like his father, William Alexander became a businessman and British MP. John Percival returned to Australia where in 1898, by which time he was a magistrate, he was awarded a bravery medal for helping in a surf rescue at Bondi. George Wigram McArthur also came back. By 1930 he was living in Sydney's eastern suburbs where he died in 1943.

As was customary Alexander McArthur auctioned his household effects before permanently leaving the colony on 23 December 1862. *Strathmore's* contents included a library of 800 books, a piano and harmonium, brass and iron bedsteads with horsehair mattresses, and many items of rosewood, mahogany, cedar and walnut furniture. Within months a new family moved in. It was the Sydney home of Lucy Ann (1828-1916) and William Butler Tooth (1823-76) for the next six years.

A nephew of the founder of the Kent Brewery, William Tooth arrived in Sydney in 1841. He and his brother Atticus acquired big pastoral runs on the Darling Downs, including Clifton Station near Warwick, where William established a settlement village and replaced herds of cattle with flocks of up to 150,000 sheep. He organised his Queensland business dealings from *Strathmore* where he displayed samples of Clifton's fine wool to potential buyers.

A founder of the Union Club, on the committees of the Sydney Club, the Society for the Suppression of Cattle Stealing, and the Agricultural Society of NSW, Tooth was MLA 1858-9 for the pastoral districts of Maranoa and Burnett. Litigious and quarrelsome, he aped the manners of an English squire and was in constant dispute with his rural neighbours and employees. He died of cirrhosis of the liver on 5 June 1876 leaving his widow and nine surviving children with a debt of £102,000. They stayed on at Clifton for a decade; William junior further antagonising the locals by erecting 'no trespassing' signs, fencing off access to waterholes and blocking a government road.

William Butler Tooth had in 1850 married Lucy Ann Harris who arrived in Sydney from London in 1833, including brothers John and George who became prominent Brisbane businessmen. Lucy Tooth gave birth to 11 children: Louisa Emily 1851-72, William Edward 1853-1930, Nelson Augustus 1854-1932, Sydney Herbert 1855-1947, Florence Rowena 1856-1935, Hedley Havelock 1858-1942, Arthur George 1860-1935, Ernest Septimus 1865-1933, Edwin Butler 1867-1884, Cecil Robert 1870-1897. Stuart Alfred was born and died, aged one month, in 1863 at *Strathmore*. Lucy herself died in 1916 at Toowoomba. Most of her children made their homes in Queensland; William and Hedley settled in Sydney.

*Lyn Collingwood*

**To be continued ...**

1. The common 19th century practice of giving successive generations the same first name sometimes results in confusion. The William Binnington Boyce entry in *The Australian Dictionary of Biography* names his second wife as the daughter of George Wigram Allen -- meaning Boyce married his granddaughter! (His bride was George Allen's daughter and Wigram Allen's sister.)

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## Tranby Conversations

The next Tranby Conversations event will be held at Tranby College on Friday 22 August from 6 - 7.30 pm.

Lynette Riley, Senior Lecturer, Indigenous Strategy and Services at the University of Sydney, will present 'Influences on the Lives of Aboriginal People – a personal account'. Lyn is a

Wiradjuri/Gamilaroi person, raised and schooled in Dubbo.

Light supper provided – gold coin donation welcome. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 15 August to: Jan at 9181 3055 or email: [tjtamba@bigpond.com](mailto:tjtamba@bigpond.com).

*Bobbie Burke*

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## Glebe Society Events

### New Members' Night

On Wed 23 July the Harold Park Hotel in Forest Lodge was again the venue for the Glebe Society's New Members Night, when we invite the year's new members to be our guests in a meet and greet evening.

This year just on 20 of our new members joined us and the upstairs lounge bar soon buzzed with noise as old and new members got to know each other. The noise level rose considerably when we divided into five teams for a light-hearted local knowledge quiz, each team vying to be first to sound its hooter/klaxon/bell and answer the questions put by Quiz Master Vice President Jan Wilson.

**Post Code 2037 – Your Number's Up!** was this year's quiz title and all questions had a number as the answer. If you couldn't join us, here are a few to test you (answers at the end of this article):

- How many people live in Postcode 2037/Glebe and Forest Lodge?
- How many Walter Burley Griffin designed buildings were built in Glebe?
- How many nationalities attend Glebe Public School?

As usual competition was fierce – after all, the prize of a bag of chocolate frogs is worth fighting for! – and there was some heated discussion about the year the Federal Government acquired the Glebe Estate (1972, according to an impeccable source – the Glebe Society website).

Light pub food and drinks were served by the Harold Park Hotel staff – and again we thank publican Will Ryan and his manager Josh Stewart and staff for a splendid evening. And here is a bit of local knowledge to tuck away for another quiz – the Harold Park Hotel is the only current corporate member of the Glebe Society!

*Erica Robinson*  
Events Coordinator

#### Answers to the questions above:

- 17,876 people live in Glebe and Forest Lodge, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 8 Jul 2014.
- One Burley Griffin design was built in Glebe - the incinerator in Griffin Place, off Forsyth Street.
- There are 26 nationalities attending Glebe Public School, according to the school yesterday.

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## Life Interrupted ... Personal Diaries from World War I ...

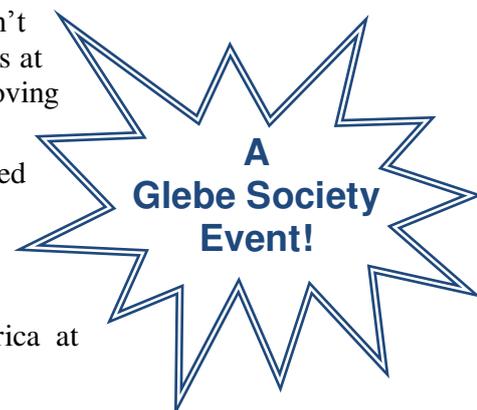
If you've been thinking of visiting this exhibition I can vouch that you won't regret it. The diaries, excerpts, letters and photographs from – and to – the boys at the front (and so many of them were just boys) is a fascinating and moving exhibition currently at the NSW State Library.

But why not hold off until Thursday Aug 21, when we have organised a guided tour of the Library for Glebe Society members at 10.30 am?

Enjoy the tour and stay on to visit the exhibition – but a word of advice, take some hankies for your tears.

See the Glebe Society website for booking details. Alternatively email Erica at [events@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:events@glebesociety.org.au) or phone her on: 9692 8995.

*Erica Robinson*, Events Co-ordinator



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# Glebe Voices

## Society Members Caught Being Good

An enthusiastic audience of Glebe Society members gathered on June 18, graciously hosted by Ben and Setsuko, at the lovely Yuga Café to hear Vicki Pogoulis, Principal, speak about the work of the Glebe Public School.



Vicki Pogoulis with Ben Crisafulli and Setsuko Yanagisawa of Yuga Café (Photo: Mairéad Browne)

Vicki and Bryce Walker, Assistant Principal, explained the philosophy that drives them to work so effectively with the community as a whole and groups such as the Firies, the Police – and the Glebe Society – to transform the school into one of the state’s most successful.

Vicki and Bryce drew us in with a practical demonstration of one of the positive reinforcement methods they use at the School, the *Caught Being Good* vouchers distributed for good behaviours and that go into a weekly draw for prizes for the

## Get Involved

### Thirsty Thursdays

Glebe Society 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 try to choose restaurants where we can share dishes, and have six to eight people at each table. Put these details in your diary now:

- On Thurs 7 Aug at 7pm we will go to *JamVybz* Jamaican Restaurant and Café, 72 Glebe Point Rd.
- On Thurs 4 Sept at 7pm we will visit an old favourite, *Almustafa* Lebanese Restaurant, 23 Glebe Point Rd.
- And on Thurs 2 Oct at 7pm we will go to *Lien's*, 331 Glebe Point Rd.

students. In this *Voices* session, a number of Society members were rewarded for active participation and engagement with the speakers and went home with small prizes. All went home with wide smiles.

It was an entertaining evening but, more importantly, it was inspirational to see what a group of dedicated teachers can achieve in what some might see as a challenging situation. Glebe can be very proud of its Public School.

*Mairéad Browne*

### Coming up in Aug: The UN Nuclear Test Ban Treaty – is it being adhered to?

Our speaker, Martin Lawrence, has had over 20 years’ involvement working on different aspects of the UN Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. For nine years he managed science and technology issues for the building and operation of a unique global observatory designed to monitor the globe for nuclear explosions. Earlier, while serving as Navy Scientific Advisor, he provided technical advice for Australia during the Treaty negotiations. Martin holds a Ph.D. in engineering physics.

He will share his experiences with us on Tuesday Aug 26 at Yuga café at 6pm. No bookings are required.

Entry to this event is free, but to support our hosting café, attendees are encouraged to order from the choice of light meals and beverages available.

*Carole Herriman*

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Please email [thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au) 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*

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### Friends of Centipede

*Friends of Centipede* at Glebe Public School is preparing to host its annual fundraiser in November.

If you can assist in staging this important community event could you contact Janice Challinor, Community Convenor, by email to [community@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:community@glebesociety.org.au) as soon as possible.

*Janice Challinor*

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## Working Bee at Glebe Public School

Sunday 10 Aug, 11am – 3pm

We will be giving our school grounds a spruce-up: pruning, weeding, sweeping, mulching, planting and building some new garden beds ... and enjoying a BBQ.

You are most welcome to bring your garden tools and join the happy band of volunteers, from our school and the wider community.

For more information contact: Katrina Stomann at Glebe Public School: 9660 4549.



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## Creative Glebe

### Players in the Pub



Next in our popular series of moved and costumed readings at the Roxbury Hotel St Johns Rd/Forest St Forest Lodge:

#### An Evening with Jane Austen: Her life and works

devised by Graham Foreman;  
directed by Lyn Collingwood

**Monday 18 Aug @ 7 pm**

Free admission. The kitchen is open from 5pm. Please try to order food as early as possible – we always aim to start on time!

### What Makes You Happy?

Join Glebe author **Fiona Robards** and renowned broadcaster Julie McCrossin for an insightful discussion about the important things in life.

Friday, 8 Aug, 6-7pm; Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Rd, Glebe.

Bookings are free:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/creative-glebe-what-makes-you-happy-tickets-12231860825?ref=ecal>



Julie McCrossin

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## Glebe Art Show: Information for Entrants

The Glebe Art Show will be held again this year in early Sept at *Benledi* and Glebe Library. Delivery date for works is Sun 31 Aug from 2 to 6pm at *Benledi*; and on Mon 1 Sept from 9-11am

Entry forms are available at all City of Sydney libraries and on line at [www.glebeartshow.org.au](http://www.glebeartshow.org.au). This year we are encouraging artists to enter on line.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney will open the Show on Friday 5 Sept from 6 to 8pm.

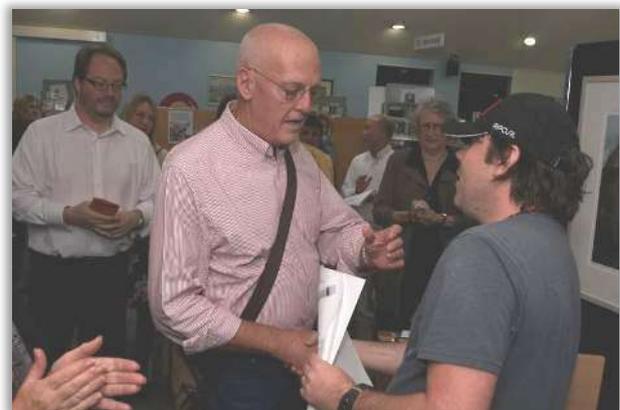
The Glebe Society is sponsoring a *Character of Glebe Prize* of \$300 for the work best capturing the spirit and character of Glebe.

Works may be paintings, photographs or works on paper and will also be eligible for the other Art Show prizes.

There will also be a *Craft Market* outside *Benledi* on Saturday 13 Sept for local craftspeople to display and sell their work.

There will only be space for a small number of stalls but call Angela on 0423 151 620 if you would like to be involved.

*Fiona Verge*



Last year's winner of the Character of Glebe Prize, James Smythe, receiving his award from Society President, John Gray (Image: Glebe Art Show)

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Glebe Music Festival – 7 to 23 Nov 2014

Piano recital by Robert Weatherburn to recreate Australian music composed and performed in 1915 – to commemorate the Anzac action in World War I and to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the NSW State Conservatorium of Music, Saturday 15 Nov at 7pm, Glebe Town Hall.

Tickets available in advance through [www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com) or at the door (\$10, concessions \$5 includes wine/juice).  
*David McIntosh*

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## Glebe, Naturally

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### Declutter your home, meet your neighbours and have some fun!

Glebe is on the Trail, the Garage Sale Trail! On Sun 25 Oct, the Glebe Society is joining with the Glebe Justice Centre for a sale of pre-loved household items at The Glebe Justice Centre, 37-47 St Johns Rd.

Register your interest in selling those pre-loved household items by emailing [environment@theglebesociety.org.au](mailto:environment@theglebesociety.org.au). We'll be in touch!

The Garage Sale Trail is an Australia-wide event which began in a small way in 2010 and in three years grew to involve over 100 Councils and 7000 sales. It is the fastest growing community and sustainability event in Australia.

*Jan Macindoe*  
Convenor,  
Environment



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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I noticed with interest Andrew Wood's reference in the May *Bulletin* to proposed flood detention basins in the Johnstons Creek Flood Mitigation Proposal. My interests are twofold with a considerable time separation. Way back in the 70s or early 80s I conceived of the greening of the Johnstons Creek corridor and developed the Society's first proposal for it. Sadly it sank like a stone in the Tammany Hall-style council we had at the time.

In much more recent years I was involved in the Sullivans Creek Catchment Group, a voluntary body assisting the ACT Government in flood mitigation measures on Sullivans Creek which runs through the heart of Canberra and the ANU. This

work resulted in two flood mitigation wetlands in the suburb of O'Connor, one at David St behind the shops and the other in Banksia St. These highly attractive wetlands are of a scale that I anticipate would be appropriate on Johnstons Creek. Further industrial scale wetlands have been built by the ACT Government, including one at Goodwin St O'Connor. These might provide some lessons on what not to do.

I would strongly urge any Society members interested in Johnstons Creek to visit the David St and Banksia St wetlands on any visit to Canberra to see what visually attractive and environmentally friendly environments can be achieved.

*Alan Robertson*

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## Subcommittee Annual Reports 2013/14

*In this Bulletin, four of the Society's Subcommittees provide their annual update. Next month, we'll include the others.*

### Planning – Annual Report

People generally only become interested in planning when a development affects them personally. Then they can become quite obsessed by it! One reason why the Glebe Society is so valuable is that it takes a larger view, and keeps

members informed about the rules that govern all development, not just particular proposals.

When the new State Government proposed revision of the original Act of 1979, there was a good deal of interest. I have recorded the progressive disillusionment with this process in my Annual and

### **(Planning Annual Report, continued)**

monthly reports, most recently the amendment of the new Planning Bills in the NSW Upper House earlier this year. As a result the Government appears to have abandoned the Bills, though not necessarily attempts to achieve its goals by stealth. This victory for residents was almost entirely the result of a public campaign, led by resident action in the form of the Better Planning Network (BPN), formed when volunteer bodies similar to the Glebe Society banded together in Sept 2012.

As outlined in my June Report, the BPN is not content to defeat this pro-developer legislation, and has committed itself to genuine planning reform in the interest of everyone by producing a Planning Charter, to form the basis of new legislation, and to be circulated before the next State election in March 2015. This Charter will be widely distributed, and the Society will, as usual, play a significant role in winning public support and the commitment of as many parliamentary candidates as possible to its principles.

The big change in Sydney in recent years, as in Melbourne and Brisbane, has been the increase in home unit development as suitable sites for houses become rarer and further from the City. In Melbourne the supply of units now exceeds demand, and this is likely to happen in Sydney sooner rather than later. Moreover, as demographic patterns in Pyrmont/Ultimo reveal, many young couples are choosing to start families in these apartments.

The main problem with this trend is that, particularly in inner city areas, the infrastructure is old and often inadequate (note especially the demand for more inner city schools). There are also arguments about where densities should be increased, and by how much. The State Government's answer has been the Planning Bills, but these propose code-based assessment and other schemes that make it much easier for developers to get planning approval. New infrastructure is notoriously too little, too late. At a Planning Forum at the University of Sydney on 17 Jul the capacity audience made it very clear they believe new infrastructure should accompany new development.

In a similar way both State and Federal governments have neglected the demand for more affordable housing. Essentially they are leaving it to the market to solve our housing issues, rather than requiring affordable housing as part of each large development.

### **Harold Park**

I pointed out in my last Annual Report that Mirvac had stuck to its agreements with the City, and this has continued to be the case as far as the residential sector is concerned at least. By the time you read this the first residents will probably have moved in, the first roads will be open, and the first trees planted. As I stated in my June Report, about two thirds of the 1250 units have been approved.

The City appears to have won various tussles over preparation for the new 3.8 ha public park that is such an important achievement for residents. The City should begin work on its design, approved after wide consultation, later this year. It will take up to 18 to complete.

Another plus is the completion of the extension of the Light Rail westward to Dulwich Hill. Work on the eastward extension through to the Quay and the University of NSW is due to begin in 2015. This will be the largest factor in counteracting the increase in traffic resulting from new development.

The adaptive reuse of the Tramsheds, approved earlier this year, has been more controversial. The Sheds themselves are to be restored, and the uses include community space, a gym, a supermarket, cafés and other retail. One restored tram will be retained on site. Some people are concerned that a supermarket will attract shoppers from a wide area, increasing traffic problems. While it is not possible to be dogmatic about this, the danger is probably exaggerated. The main customers will be the 2500 people living on the site, and others living nearby. There are plenty of other supermarkets that are more easily accessible and with more parking within driving distance. Experience in other areas of high density, such as Pyrmont, suggests closeness and ease of access are the main factors.

The efforts to secure the best result for Harold Park can be found on the Society's website, but a more succinct summary should be available shortly.

### **Glebe Affordable Housing Project and 87 Bay Street**

The Society's correspondence about this controversial project began in 2010, almost four years ago, and the site is still rocks and weeds. The 130 previous occupants, promised accommodation in the new buildings, have long since dispersed. Now the Glebe site is supposed to accommodate those displaced by the Department of Housing's equally controversial sale of public housing at Millers Point. From the time when the City withdrew from the scheme the proposal has faltered and deteriorated, although officials for Housing

## (Planning Annual Report, continued)

NSW have recently stated that the first plans for the site, related to engineering work, will be presented to the City before the end of the year. We're not holding our breath.

By contrast, the adjacent 87 Bay St is proceeding, and the private developer presented the result of the design competition to the Jul meeting of the Committee (see Jul *Bulletin*). By the time you read this the application may be in advertising.

*Neil Macindoe*

## Heritage – Annual Report

Worrying about Heritage and its destruction is nothing new. In 1397 Dick Whittington (Lord Mayor of London) campaigned, inter alia, against watered beer and the destruction of old walls and monuments.<sup>1</sup>

Centuries later, in an environment where politicians are 'gung-ho on growth', we remain concerned about the destruction of our heritage. Heritage concerns are being subtly downplayed and denigrated by both government and the development lobby as being 'non-issues', 'nimby-ism' and/or anti-development.

Glebe suffered under the rampant development policies of the execrable Askin Government in the late '60s and early '70s, so we understand the need for community consultation and deep reflection before action. It is the community, after all, which has to live with the consequences.

The highlight of the reporting year was the listing of the Glebe Island Bridge on the State Heritage Register. The Glebe Society was one of many organisations which supported the National Trust's push for the Bridge's heritage listing. This was in the face of a concerted effort by RMS to have the Bridge demolished (and eerily echoed an attempt by Government to demolish the nearby Pyrmont Bridge in the 1980s). The Glebe Society argued for the retention of the Bridge, not only on important heritage grounds, but as a potentially valuable conduit for cyclists and pedestrians to and from the city.



Glebe Island Bridge (Image: news.com.au)

Plans are under way to create a community event which will focus on this latter element. The nearby

heritage-listed Pyrmont Bridge, was quoted (in 2009) as carrying 5 million pedestrians a year. These figures give some indication of the potential usefulness of the Glebe Island Bridge in managing Sydney's traffic congestion.

The Glebe Estate and its residents are a longstanding and integral part of Glebe life. The deterioration of the Glebe Estate has been an ongoing cause for concern. It has been heartening to see work now being undertaken in the Glebe Estate to repair and maintain its heritage infrastructure. On the other side of the balance, however, we note the Government's intention to dispose of public housing in the heritage-listed Millers Point area.

We were delighted to have Michael Lech from Sydney's Living Museums (Historic Houses Trust) talk to members about the rise and fall of Grace Bros Department Store. Subsequently, several Heritage Subcommittee members took up Michael's invitation to visit the Trust premises for an inspection of Glebe items from their collection.

The Subcommittee has spent considerable time in augmenting and reviewing heritage entries on the Glebe Society's website. We have had consultations with the Communications Subcommittee in an effort to streamline material, improve access and smooth navigation around the website.

The Glebe Diggers' Memorial has undergone a beautiful restoration and is now lit at night. A new gate, which is due to be installed by the end of this year, will complete the work. Restoration work was completed in time for an inaugural formal Remembrance Day service in 2013.

And the watered beer about which Whittington also campaigned? There are *still* media reports that beer is being watered down ... It would seem that some worries are always with us.

I would like to record my grateful thanks to Heritage Subcommittee members for their encouragement and support.

*Liz Simpson-Booker*

1. Lacey, Robert Great Tales from English History (2007), Abacus, p 154.

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## Community – Annual Report

The FLAG ‘Community Stress’ working committee, on which the Glebe Society was represented, reported in Sept 2013; identifying four potential responses to this community problem. Two potential means to address issues raised were: firstly, in the short term, to expand the community BBQ program, specifically targeted at areas where community cohesion appears least successful, and secondly – a long range objective – a Community Centre for Glebe. This latter objective was raised at a Glebe Society committee meeting where it was noted that the Glebe Society called for a community centre in the Village 2030 consultation. The FLAG Networking forum on 6 Nov 2013 also considered this objective.

However, further development of this community discussion was largely overtaken by more urgent needs when the precipitous ‘lock out’ of the Glebe Youth Service (GYS) occurred, late in 2013. The Glebe Society gave unwavering support to community action to restore the service to its premises in Glebe Point Rd, which Housing NSW allowed in March 2014 after essential remedial works were undertaken. Another specific need, i.e. for children under the age of 12 with an Aboriginal cultural identity with respect to care, 3pm-6pm weekdays was partially addressed by some extension of GYS services with parents’ input, after GYS’s reoccupation of their long-term premises.



Glebe Youth Service (Image: <http://www.altmedia.net.au/>)

With respect to the call for a community centre, Margot Rawsthorne of Glebe Community Development Program, reiterated that funding from

Council for a building was not going to happen. This was confirmed by Ray Dehon from City of Sydney, but interest in coordinating information re service provision and a physical point of contact continued to gain traction. The Society was represented at this discussion.

The Glebe Society provided some financial support for the Friends of Centipede annual fundraiser, the *Sunset Soiree*, held on 1 Nov 2013 at the Glebe Rowing Club. Its success is very important to this service provider which is perennially in need of additional funding. While the Society has been generous and supportive for several years, it has determined that having helped establish Friends of Centipede, it is now the responsibility of the Friends of Centipede committee to run future events unassisted. The Society continues to encourage its membership’s interest in future events, e.g., that being planned for 7 Nov this year.

Society members who support Friends of Tranby have had the opportunity to be involved in a number of events this year such as the successful launch of Kevin Cook’s book *Making Change Happen* in Sept 2013, and a *Meet the Students* in Oct at which three of the National Indigenous Legal Advocacy Course students gave presentations on their trip to Vietnam and China. Friends of Tranby hosted the first of its *Conversations* to promote reconciliation, on Fri 30 May, with Lynette Riley of Sydney University explaining Kinship amongst indigenous Australians. Lyn will give another talk on 22 Aug. Tranby also hosted an Elders’ Lunch during NAIDOC week. Tranby continues to invite Glebe residents to functions at its premises.

The opening of Riversong Mural at Glebe Public School by Cr Robyn Kemmis on Mon 4 Nov 2013 gave some Society members the opportunity to demonstrate their support of this admirable local institution. The *Glebe Voices* event on 23 Jul 2014 at which Principal Vicki Pogulis spoke, furthered this opportunity, as has the financial support many have given to the school’s year 6 Camp.

Stuart Davey, the CEO of the new Glebe Justice Centre (GJC) has held several meetings this year at which a wide range of Glebe service providers have discussed community needs. TGSi has been represented at these. The meetings are preparatory to the GJC commencing operation in early 2015. Many of the concerns raised at these meetings are those which also occupy Society discussions with some frequency. The synchronicity includes the

### **(Community Annual Report continued)**

moves towards a project to co-ordinate information re service provision, about which the Society is talking with Sydney University. Glebe Community Development Project's current project with children will also investigate the kind of community local kids want. Possibly this initiative will be a forerunner to both the Society's and GJC's interest in investigating this same question. It is interesting to note that at the May networking event, attended by the Glebe Society President, FLAG committed to a future for Glebe which is Diverse, Connected, and Environmentally and socially sustainable.



The Society invited several local groups to share our stall at the Glebe Street Fair in Nov 2013, but inclement weather virtually ensured that no positive interest was aroused by its presence, consequently a 2014 stall is still under consideration.

In early June, the Society joined the 'Save Our Services' campaign being spearheaded by Leichhardt Women's Health Centre and [collective.good.do](http://collective.good.do), by writing to the Minister.

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### **Blue Wrens – Annual Report**

In a national survey conducted during Oct 2013 by BirdLife Australia, the superb fairy wren or blue wren was voted as Australia's favourite bird. The work of the Subcommittee during the year can best be summarised by the words of one of our members, Norma Hawkins, who when interviewed by the Inner West Courier about her volunteer work at Paddy Gray Reserve to restore the habitat for blue wrens and other small birds said *'I'm passionate because of the beauty of the birds and what they give to you in everyday life. I want everyone to have that experience and for them to be kept and saved from predators.'* In April 2014, the

This was deemed necessary to address the defunding, to the tune of \$6 million, of women's services in NSW announced under the 'Going Home, Staying Home' initiative which came into effect on 1 Jul 2014. Despite an additional \$2 million being allocated to inner city women's services by Minister Upton in a late June review after the Cabinet reshuffle, under this new arrangement the management and operation of women specific services have been significantly impacted. In Glebe this involves the transfer of operations of *Elsie* women's refuge to the St Vincent de Paul tender and the closure of Detour House, the local centre for women's drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. The Society intends to remain vigilant with respect to any impacts this may have within the Glebe community.

In July a community member approached Nick Hespe at City of Sydney service centre, the Glebe Community Development Project and Glebe Society President asking that these bodies work with the community to have the Tom Uren 'Pop Up Park day', to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the *Glebe Lands (Appropriation) Act 1974*, on 6 Aug 1974. It is anticipated that there will be several low cost participative activities, Aug to Dec 2014, that reflect the living community's interest in commemorating this significant anniversary through shared activity, focused on the park at the corner of Catherine and Mt Vernon Sts, where the plaque recognising Tom Uren's influence on the Glebe Estate is located. The Society has indicated an intention to be involved.

This summary of some Glebe Society Community action may not be comprehensive; largely because there are many Society members undertaking community building activities which are beyond my knowledge or the scope of this report.

*Janice Challinor*

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work of the Subcommittee in increasing and improving habitat areas and creating wildlife corridors in Glebe was described in articles in the *Inner West Courier* and *Sydney Morning Herald*.

The Forest Lodge Public School, with the support of the Society, was successful in obtaining a grant from the City of Sydney which provided funds to plant locally indigenous species particularly around the perimeter of the school. The plantings will also form a teaching and learning project for the school as it informs its pupils about local environmental

**(Blue Wrens Annual Report continued)**

issues and will be part of a 'blue wren corridor' linking our suburb with similar habitats on the campus of the University of Sydney. Also, discussions have continued with the City about further native planting for the grassed area in front of Glebe Town Hall - this is planned towards the end of 2014.

During the year, planting and weeding days were held in Glebe's parks and reserves – Paddy Gray Reserve (Sept 2013), Orphan School Creek Reserve (monthly including National Tree Day in July) and in Federal Park and Federal Park South (weekly) – with many hundreds of volunteer-hours of work. The Subcommittee purchased a long hose for Paddy Gray Reserve and watered the newly planted native seedlings every couple of days until they were established and thriving; Society members will be delighted with results.

***'I'm passionate because of the beauty of the birds and what they give to you in everyday life. I want everyone to have that experience and for them to be kept and saved from predators.'***  
– Norma Hawkins

The City continued with preparatory work for the creation of a habitat for blue wrens and other small birds and a biodiversity demonstration garden in John Street Reserve. Flood modeling of the Reserve was completed, it was decided to rebuild the retaining wall on the western boundary, and the results of core sampling of the Reserve (a former

industrial site) showed that the first 30-40cm of the surface soil is contaminated and will need to be removed and replaced with clean topsoil. These works are to be completed by the end of 2015 when planting of the Reserve will commence.



Superb Fairy Wren chicks and an exhausted father (Picture: Peter Pevy; news.com.au).

Commencing at 6:45am on Sunday 3 Nov 2013, a spring bird survey of seven parks and reserves was organised with the assistance of Sophie Golding, the Urban Ecology Coordinator, City of Sydney. Almost 400 birds (21 species) were identified and the highlights included two Sharp-tailed Sandpipers (*Calidris acuminata* - migratory waders which breed in Arctic Siberia) in the saltmarsh wetlands adjacent to Johnston's canal, a pair of noisy Willy Wagtails (*Rhipidura leucophrys*) near Johnston's canal and three Masked Lapwings (*Vanellus miles*) on Jubilee Oval. All Society members are invited to help with our next survey on **Sunday 26 Oct** which will be followed by breakfast in a local café – please see final arrangements in future *Bulletins*.

Andrew Wood

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**Special Rates for Glebe Society Members**, mention this ad! To book, go to [www.stayz.com.au/24284](http://www.stayz.com.au/24284)



## For Your Calendar

Each Wed, 8:30am. *Glebe Bushcare Group*, contact Susan Copeland on 9692 9161.  
 Mon 4 Aug, 6pm. *Community Meeting on Bays Precinct Urban Renewal Project*, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Thurs 7 Aug, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday, *JamVybz* Jamaican Restaurant and Café, 72 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Fri 8 Aug, 6-7pm; *What Makes You Happy?* Glebe Library, 186 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Sun 10 Aug, 11am – 3pm. *Working Bee* at Glebe Public School.  
 Wed 13 Aug, 7pm. *Management Committee meeting*, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Mon 18 Aug, 7pm. *Players in the Pub*, Roxbury Hotel.  
 Thurs 21 Aug, *Guided Tour of NSW State Library*; visit *Personal Diaries from World War I* exhibition.  
 Fri 22 Aug, *Tranby Conversations*, Tranby.  
 Tues 26 Aug, 6pm. *Glebe Voices*, Yuga Café, St John's Rd Glebe.  
 Sun 31 Aug 2-6pm. Delivery of art works to Glebe Art Show, *Benledi* 186 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Sun 31 Aug, 11am. Glebe Society Annual General Meeting, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Mon 1 Sept 9-11 Delivery of art works to Glebe Art Show, *Benledi* 186 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Thurs 4 Sept, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday, *Almustafa* Lebanese Restaurant, 23 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Fri 5 Sept, 6pm. Glebe Art Show opened by Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore, Glebe Library.  
 Sat 6–Sat 13 Sept Glebe Art Show open 10 - 6pm week days, 10 - 4 Saturday, closed Sunday.  
 Wed 10 Sept, 7pm. *Management Committee meeting*, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Thurs 2 Oct, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday, *Lien's*, 331 Glebe Point Rd.

To see Glebe Society events open for booking at any time, go to  
<http://glebesociety.eventbrite.com>.

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## BAYS PRECINCT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

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**COMMUNITY MEETING**

Monday 4 August 6pm  
Glebe Town Hall

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