



## Dogs Gone? Baird's promise: Wentworth Park to be a 'community space'

Ted McKeown writes: the decision by the Premier to ban greyhound racing in New South Wales from 1 July 2017 is generally seen, in Humphrey-speak, as a 'courageous decision', and only time will tell whether it survives the tortuous parliamentary process. It certainly came as a complete surprise to the greyhound racing industry, as well as to peripheral bodies such as the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust. I was the Chairman of the Trust until its three-year appointment expired on 26 May, when it was replaced by an Administrator.

Mr Baird claims that he and his Cabinet colleagues have all read the report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW which was eventually presented to the Governor by Commissioner Michael McHugh on 16 June. I can only claim to have skimmed it – it runs to three volumes plus eight appendices, a grand total of 996 pages – but its principal recommendation is clear enough:

*Given the findings of the Commission concerning the management and governance of the greyhound racing industry, the Parliament of New South Wales should consider whether the industry has lost its social licence and should no longer be permitted to operate in NSW.*

However, the very next sentence reads: 'If the industry is permitted to continue, the Commission makes the following recommendations', followed by 79 detailed and specific recommendations concerning the future management and governance of the industry.

Reading between the lines, I think everyone, including perhaps the Commissioner himself,

thought that a complete ban on greyhound racing in the State might be seen as a step too far. But that is apparently not how the Cabinet saw it.



Greyhound racing (Image: AngMoKio)

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Certainly, the decision has polarised popular opinion. The usual suspects are there of course – greyhound breeders, owners and trainers on the one hand, and animal welfare organisations on the other. But if the news media are to be believed, the Opposition has been drawn into supporting the continuation of greyhound racing to the dismay of many of its supporters, and the Government itself is by no means united behind the Premier. It promises to be an interesting few months in Macquarie Street!

Should we care? Members of The Glebe Society will have differing views about whether greyhound racing should be banned, but I think we can all agree about what should happen when the dogs leave Wentworth Park (if that is indeed the final outcome).

Mr Baird has clearly indicated that greyhound tracks in Government ownership (such as Wentworth Park) will not be 'developed into residential or high rise'. That is something to be happy about. But he goes on to say 'for the government owned sites – including Wentworth Park – I can't be any clearer. They will be used for community space. We will consult with the community about what this looks like, but it may include open space or sports facilities or even things like schools if appropriate. This will be decided in consultation with the relevant communities.'

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*Let's hope we don't have to man the barricades on this one.*

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As always, the devil will be in the detail. Since at least 1878, Wentworth Park has been dedicated **in perpetuity** as 'a park or place for public recreation'. We would have no objection to the dog racing track and oval being converted to a general sporting field with a modest grandstand like the Alan Davidson Oval in Sydney Park or the Reg Bartley Oval in Rushcutters Bay Park. But if 'community space' were interpreted to include other exclusive uses, such as a permanent school site, I believe we would not be happy.

Arguing against a school is like arguing against motherhood and apple pie, but as always this is a matter of competing priorities. The

Government appears to be set on redeveloping Ultimo Public School on its existing site rather than moving it to the far more suitable (though apparently contaminated) Council Depot site in Wattle St. There is a proposal to move the school into temporary accommodation on Wentworth Park while its present site is redeveloped, and I do not believe that would meet with significant community opposition provided the site was remediated on the school's departure. But if a park was important enough to be dedicated in perpetuity nearly 150 years ago, it is absolutely vital now.

Let's hope we don't have to man the barricades on this one.

*Ted McKeown*

Glebe Society President and former Chairman of the Wentworth Park Trust



*Monkeys ride on the backs of greyhounds as they jump the hurdles at Shepherds Bush Greyhound track, Mascot, Sydney, 1928 (Image: George McQuillan, <http://nla.gov.au/>)*

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## 'Dishlickers Ditched': Max Solling interviewed by ABC Radio National

Talk about topical! Glebe Society member and renowned local historian Max Solling is in the final stages of a book on the history of greyhound racing in Australia, from the first coursing clubs in 1880 to the present, and he is probably the most knowledgeable person in the country on this subject.

How many of us knew that greyhound racing was banned back in 1920? In view of the furore over the current ban on greyhound racing, and

its unexpectedly profound social impacts, ABC Radio National recently interviewed Max on their *Life Matters* program on Monday 11 July at 9am.

Max's interview with the ABC can be listened to by Or googling 'ABC Life Matters'. I'm sure Max's contribution will be enlightening and valuable, and of great interest to members.

*Ted McKeown*  
President



Dear madam,

*I belong to OM:NI (Older Men: New Ideas) where men become mates, an organisation which looks after men who are 50 years old or over.*

*We meet on the first and third Friday mornings of every month at the Old Fire Station in Mitchell St Glebe from 10am to*

*noon. Each member has five minutes to talk about anything that interests him and in the second hour we discuss a topic chosen by the member who has volunteered to chair the meeting.*

*Those of us who attend regularly have found it an invaluable opportunity to make friends and discuss topics of mutual interest.*

*I have some leaflets which contain more information and will deliver them to your letter box or post them to you if you contact me at [iaedwards@westnet.com.au](mailto:iaedwards@westnet.com.au) or ring me on 9660 3240.*

*Please think about it.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Ian Edwards*

## Built Environment 2037

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### Planning Report

*Bidura, 357 Glebe Point Rd*

This controversial proposal, including any amendments and heritage recommendations, will now be determined by the Land and Environment Court, as the time for Council to deal with it has expired.

As is normal with any appeal, Council will hold a meeting with the objectors, and because there are quite a few, that meeting will be held in Glebe Town Hall on Monday 8 August at 6pm. Representative from the Society will attend. Council's solicitors will explain the process for those who have no experience of the Court. A

certain number of those residents most affected will be able to address the Court when it meets on site on 6 September. The hearing will then continue in the City.

*25 Glebe Point Rd*

The Society protested against the unauthorised activity and signage by *Doughnut Time* on this site.

*Neil Macindoe*  
Convenor, Planning Subcommittee

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## Glebe Island Bridge can link the White Bay development with the CBD

Below is a letter to the SMH written by Glebe Society President, Ted McKeown. The letter was not published, but readers may be interested to see that the Society is continuing to push for the protection and adaptive re-use of the Glebe Island Bridge:

*Sir,*

*Jacob Saulwick (SMH, 7 July) noted that developers viewed the lack of public transport to White Bay as a significant drawback to its further progress.*

*The nearby heritage-listed Glebe Island Bridge could be adaptively re-used to accommodate light rail. The bridge, built in 1903, has been superseded as a road bridge by the towering Anzac Bridge but should still have a significant role in moving people around the City in a sustainable way. The Glebe Island Bridge could provide a conduit between White Bay and the City for light rail as well as for cyclists and pedestrians.*

The Glebe Island Bridge is a valuable public asset which is currently idle. Maritime traffic to and from Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays could be accommodated with managed access, as with the Spit and Pyrmont Bridges. However, the super-yachties at Rozelle Bay, who wish to come and go as they please, may whinge.

The Glebe Island Bridge still has a vital role to play. Its owner, Roads & Maritime, should embrace the active re-use of its existing assets.

Ted McKeown  
President, Glebe Society



The Glebe Island Bridge, currently closed to traffic including pedestrians and cyclists (Image: Martin Lawrence)

## Stop WestCONnex Glebe-Forest Lodge



A very successful public meeting was held in Glebe Town Hall on 20 June. As there is no plan for the tunnel, a panel of experts focused on providing information. They covered governance, transport, geology, health and the City of Sydney's opposition to WestConnex.

'Stop WestConnex Glebe Forest Lodge' has affiliated with 'No WestConnex – Public Transport' (<http://nowpt.nationbuilder.com>), the umbrella group of the Inner West groups. The group is incorporated and provides public liability coverage for all groups, events and non-violent direct action incidents. The group is supported by City of Sydney which has enabled paid administrative support. The group also works on strategies and other events.

Glebe Forest Lodge has also joined with 'No WestConnex Annandale', as we share common boundaries.

Several geotech drilling sites have been located to ascertain the future direction of the tunnel. There are five sites in The Crescent/Rozelle Bay area. Three have already been carried out in Arundel St Glebe. To date, nothing is known about the compulsory acquisition of private properties in Glebe and Forest Lodge. An Environmental Impact Assessment will be carried out in 2017.

The WestConnex project looms closer and closer to the villages of Glebe and Forest Lodge. Keep watch for further actions and be alert, alarmed and informed. A data base of residents exists; please email Jan Wilson if you wish to be included.

This initiative for action was organised by COGG (Coalition of Glebe Groups) working with Jamie Parker MP and the City of Sydney.

Jan Wilson; [janwil@bigpond.com](mailto:janwil@bigpond.com)

### Further Information

- Roads & Maritime: WestConnex M4-M5 Link State significant infrastructure application report (January 2016):  
[https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/public/726566c16c9b970fe155a31fb0ab3501/20160120\\_WCX\\_M4-M5\\_Link\\_SSIA\\_FINAL.pdf](https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com/public/726566c16c9b970fe155a31fb0ab3501/20160120_WCX_M4-M5_Link_SSIA_FINAL.pdf)
- SGS Economics & Planning (for City of Sydney): Review of WestConnex Business case (February 2016):  
[http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/251891/Report-SGS-Westconnex-Business-Case-Final-Report-160204.pdf](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/251891/Report-SGS-Westconnex-Business-Case-Final-Report-160204.pdf)
- Minute by the Lord Mayor: 'WestConnex Costs to Outweigh any Benefits' (February 2016):  
[http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/252152/160229\\_COUNCIL\\_ITEM35.pdf](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/252152/160229_COUNCIL_ITEM35.pdf)
- Official WestConnex website:  
<http://www.westconnex.com.au>
- Australian National Audit Office, 'Approval and Administration of Commonwealth Funding for the WestConnex Project' ('the

objective of this audit is to assess whether appropriate steps were taken to protect the Commonwealth's interests and obtain value for money in respect to the \$3.5 billion in Commonwealth funding committed to the

NSW Government for the WestConnex project'): <https://www.anao.gov.au/work/performance-audit/approval-and-administration-commonwealth-funding-westconnex-project>

## History & Heritage

### Who lived in your street? Glebe's *Underbelly* gangs, by Lyn Collingwood

During the 1920s and 1930s Glebe streets, as those in other inner city suburbs, were the haunt of criminals fighting for control of illegal activities such as off-course betting and the sly grog trade. Vying for supremacy were Mobs named for their local areas: The Rocks, The Loo, The Railway, Surry Hills, Redfern and Newtown.

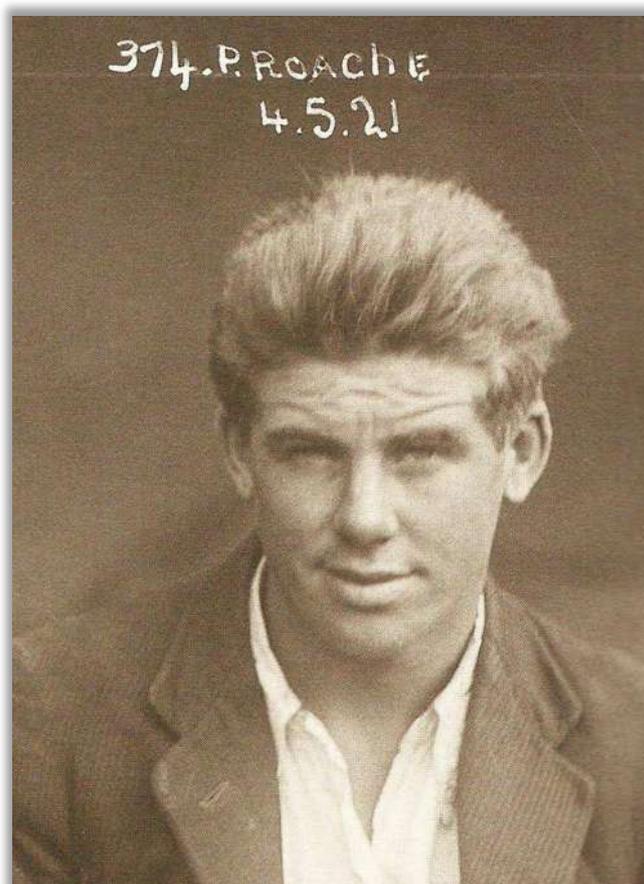
The Glebe Mob hung out at the *Australian Youth Hotel* run by Mick McGrath who conducted his SP bookmaking operations there and lived around the corner. Other preferred watering holes were the *Ancient Briton* and the *Toxteth*.

Juvenile mobsters were mostly engaged in shoplifting, thieving and fighting. Some became career criminals. Glebe 'heavies' included Harry 'Boo' Stanton, 'Tinker' Wilson, 'Googer' Morgan, Charles 'Kicker' Kelly, 'housebreaker' Roy Shirley (alias Arthur Roy Shirley alias Augustine Arthur Roy Shirley alias John Williams), 'Chow' Hayes and 'Paddy' Roache.

The last, Patrick Francis Roache (1903-80) was a typical opportunistic small-time crook. His first conviction was in January 1920 when as a 17-year-old labourer he was given seven days' hard labour and put on a twelve-month good behaviour bond for stealing. In February he was charged with shooting with intent after Thomas Mason chased a group of youths away from his Ultimo home and Roache returned with a revolver. Mason was unhurt however; and Roache, who maintained the bullets were blanks, was acquitted. Soon after, Patrick was back in court with his older brother Richard (1900-70) and Henry Robert Gray charged with stealing £1000 worth of cloth from the David Jones warehouse in Christie St Glebe. Henry and Richard were acquitted, as was Patrick after a retrial. Richard Roache appears to have stayed out of trouble after this incident.

The Roache brothers were the illegitimate sons of Alice Roache who lived at 47 Grose St. On 31 October 1907 she married Walter Llewellyn Lloyd (1882-1958) at the Whitefield Institute connected with the Congregational Church in Pitt

St. The Institute, which lasted from 1903 to 9 under the leadership of bankrupt preacher Edward Tremayne Dunstan, had an affiliated congregation in Glebe. The couple divorced in 1916 on the grounds of Walter's desertion and the next year Alice Lloyd married Walter Arthur Church at Glebe.



Paddy Roache (Image: NSW Police Gazette)

In November 1921 Paddy Roache again stole cloth from the David Jones warehouse plus goods from others in Glebe: the Rubber Company, kitchenware from Kathleen McCarthy's shop at 55 Glebe Point Rd, and a typewriter and chairs from Ernest John Channon's factory. Roache and his accomplices drove off with their loot in a pony-drawn cart. After serving three years' hard labour in Bathurst Gaol he was one of those charged with bashing

and robbing a tram conductor in City Rd. When the victim claimed he couldn't identify his attackers, the five were acquitted. Richard Denis Meagher often appeared as defence counsel for Roache and his mates.

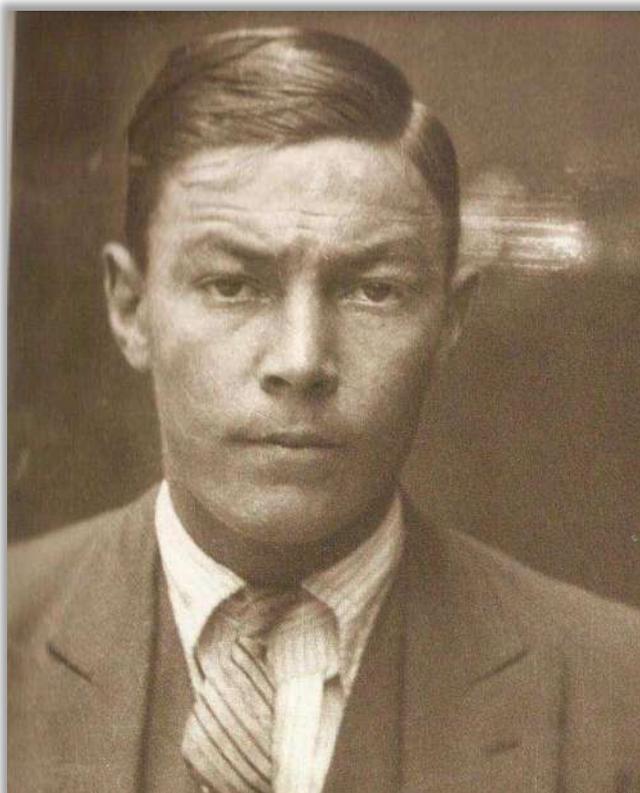
In 1925 Roache and others were involved in a drunken brawl at a birthday party they had gatecrashed in Chippendale. For this he was sentenced to six months' gaol. The same year he was given a three-year term for robbing a man with a broken arm in Belmore Park. In 1928 Roache received two hard labour sentences for assaulting a police officer, and in April 1930 he was charged with the same offence but was acquitted. Later that year, in the company of others, he was charged with sexual assault on local woman Irene Margaret Pearl Henderson in Wentworth Park. Giving his trade as poulterer and his address as Garden Avenue Glebe (a now disappeared thoroughfare off Greek St), he was again acquitted. Police usually noted his occupation as 'dealer', but on the 1930 electoral roll he is listed as a wharf labourer living at 3 Wentworth St with Edith Isabel Roache née Chamberlain (1902-59). The marriage took place in 1920 when the parties were still teenagers. (By 1949 Patrick, a labourer, and Edith were living at 43 Ferndale St Newtown with factory hand Edward Richard Roache. Up the road at 1 Ferndale St were Francis Edward Roache and Elsie Margaret née Smith. Edith Isabel Roache died on 9 April 1959.)

In 1931 Roache was back in gaol after stealing a crate of chickens and assaulting a police sergeant; in 1933, in court on new charges of stealing, Roache was described as 'the worst type of criminal', demanding money from people in his Glebe neighbourhood and terrorising them if they didn't give it. Although declared a repeat offender under the 1905 Habitual Criminal Act, his two-year sentence was quashed on appeal. In 1937 he was bagman for standover man Eric Pulley who was shot dead by SP bookmaker Florence Riley in her Wentworth St house.

Roache committed nearly all his crimes in the company of others. Alone, his *modus operandi* was to lure drunken men into dark streets where he robbed them. Daytime, he stole the odd chicken in Paddy's Markets, loafed in University (now Victoria) Park, and hung around street corners in Glebe. Among his regular associates were Thomas Esmond Bollard and Ezzie's cousin John Frederick Hayes.

A Catholic and born illegitimate, 'Chow' Hayes was raised by a grandmother and an aunt. He

truanted and spent time in reformatories such as the Gosford Boys Home. By age eight, his school days over, he was making money selling newspapers near Railway Square. He was first convicted at age 15. An early sentence was seven months for shoplifting 18 shirts from Anthony Horderns and spitting on policeman 'Mad Digger' Toohey.



Chow Hayes 1930 (Photo: NSW Police Gazette)

As a 19-year-old in 1930 Hayes had already been in court 14 times, and by the end of the decade he had a reputation as one of Sydney's toughest criminals, a hard-drinking standover gunman who would simply walk into sly grog shops and similar places and demand money. His favourite haunts were Haymarket, Ultimo, Chippendale and Glebe.

In January 1939, with a history of 70 convictions, Hayes was fined £5 for throwing coffee over the proprietor of a Glebe hamburger shop who refused to serve him. At Glebe Police Court, Detective Corcoran described the routine of Hayes and his associate Edward John Conroy (who had drawn a gun on the shop owner): 'They hunt in packs at night and create a reign of terror in parts of Glebe'. Hayes often attacked without provocation.

In February 1939 police sergeants Cunningham and Hale and constable Ireland were called to Talfourd St where shots had been fired and discovered a drunken Hayes with a bullet wound

in his chest. He was taken to Glebe Police Station – which had to be closed after a curious crowd gathered outside – and then to RPA Hospital where he told Glebe’s detective constable Ray ‘The Blizzard’ Blisset that he’d been hit by Father Christmas. Prepared for surgery and wearing only a hospital gown, Hayes was momentarily left unattended. He climbed out of a window, rang his mate ‘Kicker’ Kelly from a public phone box, and was picked up and taken to ‘Dr George’ (his practice was near Glebe Public School) who removed the bullet while Kelly went off to pick up fresh clothes for the patient.

Hayes’ crimes included consorting, theft, break and enter, resisting arrest, demanding money with menaces, riotous behaviour, indecent language, armed robbery occasioning bodily harm, assaulting police, evading taxi fares, and murder. In 1952 he was sentenced to death (commuted to life) for shooting dead ex-boxer William ‘Bobby’ Lee in the Ziegfield city nightclub

in front of more than 70 patrons, none of whom would testify as witnesses. At this, the third trial, a list of 90 prior convictions was read out to a noisy courtroom. Hayes was out of gaol again by 1969 when he glassed a fellow drinker in a Camperdown wine bar who had picked up change left for the barmaid. This act brought a sentence of five years. His final release was in 1977.

Survived by a daughter, Hayes died in 1991, predeceased by sons Jacky, Paddy and Bobby and Gladys Muriel ‘Topsy’ née King (1913-69) whom he had married in 1931. His portrait by Bill Leak was hung in the 1991 Archibald exhibition.

Lyn Collingwood  
Historian

Sources: *Bathurst Times* 11.2.1920; Doyle, Peter *Crooks Like Us* 2009; *Evening News* 14.4.1930; Hickie, David *Chow Hayes: gunman* 1990; *Maitland Daily Mercury* 4.1.1939; NSW births, deaths, marriages registry; NSW cemetery records; NSW electoral rolls; *NSW Police Gazette* various issues 1920-30; *Sands Directories*; Solling, Max *Grandeur & Grit: a history of Glebe* 2007; *Sydney Morning Herald* 20.7.1920; *Truth* 12.4.1925, 9.11.1930, 23.11.1930.

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## Rearview: Interview with Sadie King

Sadie pointed out that her real name is Sarah, but she is known as Sadie and is a well-known figure in Glebe. Aged 94, Sadie has an OAM for service to the community and to the Australian Postal Workers’ Union.

Her earliest memory of Glebe is of looking for somewhere to live; it was extremely difficult in the late 1940s. She finally found a residence in a church house run by the Anglican Church. That was in Glebe Point Rd, and she has gone full circle, she said, because she is again living in Glebe Point Rd in an apartment.

When asked about experiences of public transport, Sadie commented that it is ‘a disaster’ for her, as she can’t get a walking frame onto public transport. Back then there were trams, and she was walking more easily.

The main socio-economic change that Sadie observes is a bigger Asian population. Earlier on, Glebe was not multi-cultural as people were still settling back after the war. The population in Glebe then, was mostly young people looking for work close to the city.

Colourful characters she remembers include a local policeman they called ‘The Blizzard’. Sadie remembered, ‘No one loitered in those days with The Blizzard on the prowl’. He was a tough but good cop. Another character was the late Bessie Guthrie, who was one of the founders of Elsie’s

Women’s Refuge. She was a fighter for women’s rights and was involved in that fight all her life. She was a tall, thin woman with thick grey hair and horn-rimmed glasses, who lived in Glebe and may have been born here.



Ms Sadie King, long-time Glebe Resident (Image: Margaret Cody)

Sadie was born in Scotland, in Glasgow, and her family immigrated when she was seven years of age. She suffered badly from bronchitis and the family doctor had recommended a warmer climate. They stopped over in New Zealand to visit an uncle in the South Island, for a holiday, and then came on to Sydney. The family minister in Scotland had arranged accommodation for them.

There are no things she really misses, as they were heading into the depression when John Laing was premier. 'Laing Labour' is her earliest memory of politics as a child.

Things she likes best now are the affordability of housing for those in need, and she gives great thanks to the Whitlam government for that. She also remembers the late Pat Hills who, as a former Lord Mayor of Sydney, established the

Meals on Wheels service. He had seen it operating in London and subsequently established it in Sydney. He delivered the first Meals on Wheels with his wife. Pat Hills stood for Premier but was defeated by Neville Wran, by one vote. 'In my opinion he should have been Premier!'

Margaret Cody

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## From the 'slums of Glebe': 'Yabba - Cricket's Legendary Barracker'

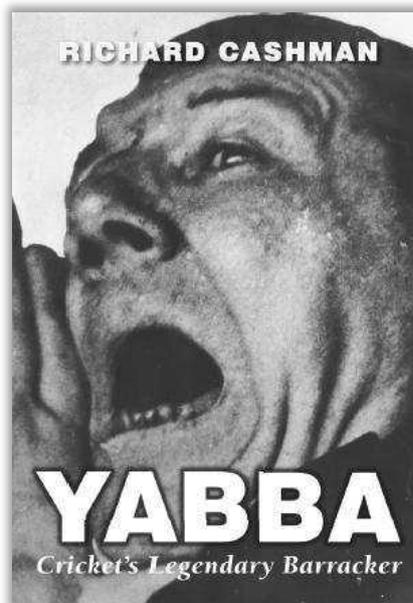
Yabba (Stephen Harold Gascoigne) grew up in the slums of Glebe to become one of the great characters of Australian cricket. He was a genuine talent, a wit, an actor and a crafter of words, who called out clever comments at appropriate times. He had the asset of a gravelly booming voice. Yabba's story is about how an uneducated working-class man thrust himself forward to become a celebrated barracker and much-loved entertainer.

Hear more about him when Richard Cashman gives the RAHS Day Lecture.

Wed 3 August 1pm-2pm; History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney; Cost: Free

More information:

<http://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahs-day-lecture-yabba-cricket-legendary-barracker/>.



The cover of Richard Cashman's book on 'Yabba' (Image: RAHS)

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## Glebe Happenings

### Coming up for *Glebe Voices* ... Ross Gittins!

Where: at Yuga Café St Johns Rd Glebe (between Forest and Lodge Sts). When: on Wednesday August 17 at 6pm

Speaker: **Ross Gittins AM**

Topic: Ross will be talking about some aspects of his recently-published memoirs 'Gittins: A life among budgets, bulldust and bastardry'. His book looks back at 40 years as economics columnist and editor.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Seating for this event will be limited due to the venue capacity.

To reserve your place we ask that by Monday August 15 you email Carole at [herrwhit@acslink.net.au](mailto:herrwhit@acslink.net.au) or SMS 0450 019 550 giving your contact number and the names of those who plan to come.

Ross Gittins is very well known as the economics editor of *Sydney Morning Herald*, a position which he has held since 1978. He is also an economic columnist for the *Age*.

In 1993 Ross won the Citibank Pan Asia award for excellence in financial journalism. In recognition of his potential for leadership in the profession of journalism and his personal qualities he was awarded a Nuffield press fellowship at Wolfson College Cambridge.

In presenting Ross for admission to the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Economics at Sydney University, his proposer said:

*He has developed the art of the newspaper column to new heights in Australian journalism. His columns are notable for their independence, their wit, and their insistence*

*of going beyond the sound and fury of public debate into the theoretical assumptions and evidence behind the competing claims.*

Ross also holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Macquarie University.

His books include *Gittins' Guide to Economics*, *Gittinomics* and *The Happy Economist*.

This event is being hosted by Yuga Café, and although entry is free attendees are encouraged to order from the choice of light meals and beverages available to support our hosting café.

*Carole Herriman*



*Ross Gittins who is speaking at Glebe Voices on Wednesday 17 August. (Image supplied)*

## A special Thirsty Thursday



Nick Hespe and his partner Amanda were special guests at our June Thirsty Thursday dinner. It was at *Esca*, opposite the Library where Nick and his team

give us invaluable help in our dealings with the City of Sydney.

Over 30 Glebe Society members and friends shared the varied and generous array of dishes chosen by *Esca's* owner Jim and our restaurant expert, Christine Bates.

*Esca* has become a popular meeting place for breakfast, lunch and tea every day. It is also open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

*Future Thirsty Thursday dates:*

- On Thursday 4 August we will meet at *Aghora*, the Greek restaurant at 94 Glebe Point Rd.
- On Thursday 1 September we will meet at the *Porterhouse Bar and Grill*, 22 Glebe Point Rd.

- And on Thursday 6 October we will meet at *Red Chilli Hotpot Chinese Restaurant*, 15 Glebe Pt Rd.

Please email [thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au) or ring Edwina on 9660 7066 by 6pm on the Wednesday before to let me know if you are coming, or if you are likely to be late.

*Edwina Doe and Christine Bates*



*Some of the the attendees for Thirsty Thursday held at Esca restaurant. (L-R: Janice Challinor, Ted McKeown, Edwina Doe, Amanda Hespe, Nick Hespe and Alison McKeown. (Image: Christine Bates)*

## Creative Glebe

### Players in the Pub

Another Hollywood Evening with Nicholas Papademetriou and Alex Bryant-Smith, Mark Butler, Lyn Collingwood, Mary Haire, Tiffany Hoy, Susan M Kennedy, Kim Knuckey, Cecilia Morrow, Adele Querol, Josephine Starte, Peter Talmacs & Benjamin Vickers.

7pm Wednesday 17 August 2016

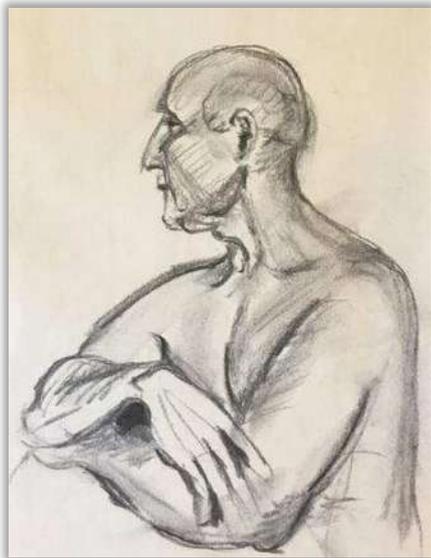
Toxteth Hotel (upstairs); Ferry & Glebe Point Rds. Free admission; the kitchen opens at 5 pm; (\$20 meal + drink winter special).

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## Life Drawing at the Tocky

Join us for Life Drawing, every Tuesday, 10.30am till 1.30pm, upstairs in the Toxteth Hotel.

Cost: \$10 for the session. For more information, contact Michael on 9660 3701.



*'Portrait of John' by Michael Hogan (Image supplied by the artist)*

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## Glebe Community Singers

Do you love music? Do you sing along to the radio in your car? Do you have 10,000 songs on your iPhone? Do you want to sing out loud in place where your neighbours won't complain?

If you answered YES to any of the above... Glebe Community Singers need YOU! No auditions. No judges. No record contracts.

Our teacher is Elizabeth Lecoanet – Her passion is sound, the voice, and music; and connecting people with their voice for good health.

The Glebe Community Singers are all about enjoying music and song.

When: Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30pm; Where: Glebe Public School Hall, Derwent St entrance.

Who: 18 yrs +. Cost: \$5 per week

Come along on a Thursday evening to join The Glebe Community Singers.

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## Paradigm by Chidzey: a visual exploration of the life of St Francis

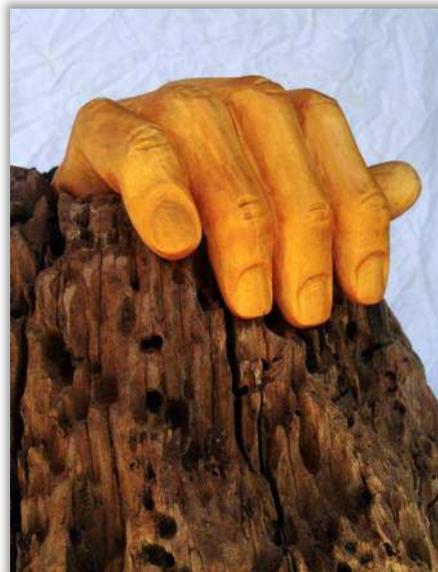
26 July to 7 August; Gauge Gallery; 68 Glebe Point Rd.

*Paradigm* is emerging sculptor Chidzey's latest

instalment in the ongoing visual exploration centred around his research into the life of St Francis of Assisi and its implications for our lives today.

Study into this historical figure's radical enlightenment, the subsequent response and ongoing legacy has revealed that he shook the world in ways rarely imagined. Francis Bernadone's attitude to the dispossessed, his concept of beauty and creativity, and his radical environmentalism was extreme by the standards of his world, and our 'modern' society. Exploring the legacy of St. Francis' relationship to chivalry, beauty and nature is Chidzey's thoughtful response to how we have lost our way on so many issues.

This show coincides with the announcement of his selection for an international artist residency in Assisi, Italy in August 2017, and his selection to the XI Florence Biennale in October 2017.



*'Incitement' by Chidzey (Image supplied by Gauge Gallery)*

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## 27th Annual Glebe Music Festival

21 October to 20 November 2016;  
[www.glebemusicfestival.com](http://www.glebemusicfestival.com).

**Friday 21 October at 7pm:** Italian guitarist Gian Marco Ciampa at Gleebooks (49 Glebe Pt Rd). The program collects aspects of a troubled 20th century.

Music by a Polish exile in Spain, an Italian refugee in the USA and Latin American composers.

Tickets \$10 (including food & drinks) available at the door or through the Glebe Music Festival website or the Gleebooks (event) website.

# The Glebe Society's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

**Sunday 28 August 2016 11am–1pm**  
**Glebe Town Hall**

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 28 August at 11am.

In addition to the usual business activities of the AGM, we will be addressed by Kate Brennan, who spoke so eloquently at the farewell to the late Robyn Kemmis at Sydney Town Hall earlier this year. Kate is the Local Facilitator of the Glebe Tree House, a 'School as Community Centre' at Glebe Public School. This is a huge and complex role, and I hope Kate will enlighten us as to some of the opportunities and challenges confronting her in the diverse community of Glebe and Forest Lodge. We are very fortunate to have Kate attend our AGM, and I look forward to her address.

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 21 August.

Please get in touch with me

(president@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, which are open to any member to join. A nomination form is enclosed with this *Bulletin* and is also available on our website.

*Ted McKeown*  
President

## Agenda for AGM

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of country (Ted McKeown)
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting for confirmation
4. Treasurer's report for 2015-2016 (Jane Gatwood)
5. Subcommittee reports (including questions on reports already published)
6. President's report (Ted McKeown)
7. Election of Management Committee for 2016-2017 (Ted McKeown)
8. Guest speaker, Ms Kate Brennan
9. Close of meeting & refreshments

## 2015-2016 Annual Reports

### Heritage Subcommittee Annual report 2015-2016

Over the last twelve months the Heritage Subcommittee has sought to improve the protection of Glebe's heritage through providing information, working to improve understanding and through advocacy.

#### *Bidura*

Following the sale, and in advance of the DA proposals for 357 Glebe Point Rd, Subcommittee member Erica Robinson wrote a major *Bulletin* article to alert members to the merits and value of Edmund Blacket's *Bidura* (c1860). Subsequently the Subcommittee provided input on *heritage-related* issues as part of the Society's wider response to the Concept Envelope design (Stage 1 DA). The over-arching issues raised by the DA are complex and wide-ranging but the Heritage Subcommittee's

principal concern was and remains that the history, fabric and integrity of *Bidura*, in its setting, is respected and maintained.

#### Bridges

On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its completion, John Symonds talked to members about the construction of the Anzac Bridge. We are grateful for Meg Wallace's facilitation of this event. The Subcommittee continues to press for the restoration of the Glebe Island Bridge (1903). The work of promoting its subsequent re-use as a light rail/cycle/pedestrian conduit is now outside our brief.

#### Anzac Centenary

The Subcommittee, energised by Lydia Bushell, contributed over 200 hand-knitted/crocheted red

poppies to the Glebe Society's Anzac Centenary exhibition. Our objective was to recognise individually those Glebe men who fell in the conflict. The Subcommittee also arranged the annual Remembrance Day Service at the Diggers' Memorial. The gathering was addressed by Max Solling, our late Deputy Lord Mayor Robyn Kemmis and Lyn Collingwood.

### *Bulletin*

The occasional series, *Rearview*, has continued to appear in the *Bulletin* with interviews by Margaret Cody of long-time residents giving their unique perspective of life in Glebe. Subcommittee members have also contributed photographic essays on ceramic wall panels (Anne Owens) and shop tops (Anne Owens and Peter Crawshaw). *From the Terraces* continues to provide heritage news and views.

### Website

Peter Crawshaw and Robert Hannan have obtained the necessary approvals and are planning to have a number of old maps of Glebe included on the Glebe Society website.

### Conservation/maintenance

We have maintained a watching brief on a number of conservation and maintenance issues in relation to both built and green heritage environments in Glebe. All Subcommittee members have contributed to this process and Robert Hannan has been particularly helpful in relation to green heritage.

We are starting to think about the Glebe Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will be celebrated in 2019 and to reflect on how the Heritage Subcommittee can meaningfully contribute to the Society's general celebrations. Ros Jehne and Lydia Bushell are significant contributors to this process.

The wider heritage environment in NSW does not inspire confidence. It is acknowledged that governments have a responsibility to provide infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population. However, it is alarming that in the case of WestConnex, this has meant cutting a vast swathe through a Conservation Area. With this action, Government has demonstrated a total disregard of history and community and seriously devalued its own heritage assessments.

We were sorry to farewell Meg Wallace who had made a terrific contribution to the establishment of our Glebe Island Bridge website. On a happier note, I would like to thank members of the Heritage Subcommittee. To Lydia Bushell, Margaret Cody, Peter Crawshaw, Robert Hannan, Ros Jehne, Anne Owens and Erica Robinson, thank you for bringing to the table such an amazing array of talents, interests, commitment and energy.

*Liz Simpson-Booker, Convenor Heritage*

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## **Transport and Traffic Subcommittee Annual Report 2015 – 2016**

Transport and Traffic matters were again dominated this year by the WestConnex project, the \$16.8 billion road and tunnel tollway which is now being built and which is the subject of fierce community opposition particularly in the inner west of Sydney. WestConnex will have an adverse impact on Glebe and Forest Lodge as a result of the additional traffic shunted onto Victoria Rd, the Anzac Bridge and Parramatta Rd. Arising from the construction of the planned road tunnels and road interchanges residences in Glebe and Forest Lodge might be requisitioned, and the parks around the Glebe foreshore degraded, particularly during the construction phase.

Public meetings were held during the year throughout the inner west to express community opposition to WestConnex, including a community meeting organised by the Coalition of Glebe Groups (COGG) and the Greens in the Glebe Town Hall on 20 June which was attended by over 200 Glebe and Forest Lodge

residents.

To support the community campaign against WestConnex, the Glebe Society donated \$1000 to the umbrella opposition group 'No WestConnex – Public Transport' to be applied in engaging and retaining staff to coordinate the opposition campaign. The Glebe Society also supported the formation of a locally focussed group organised by COGG 'No WestConnex Glebe/Forest Lodge' which is aimed at raising local community awareness to the project and organising local opposition.

In October last year the NSW Department of Planning and Environment released Environmental Impact Statements for the M4 East part of the project, involving road tunnels running from Homebush Bay Drive in the west to Wattle St Haberfield in the east. The Glebe Society lodged a submission to the EIS, objecting to the WestConnex project and its adverse impact on the environment and on the

local communities affected, and stating that a more effective strategy for dealing with Sydney's transport needs would be to invest in public transport. A similar submission was lodged by the Glebe Society regarding the EIS released by the Department in November last year for the M5 section of the project, involving road tunnels between Beverly Hills and St Peters and a road interchange adjacent to Sydney Park. The Department received a flood of submissions (some 12,900) to this EIS, overwhelmingly in opposition to it.

The Sydney Motorway Corporation which is responsible for building WestConnex has released images of the planned infrastructure for the Glebe and Forest Lodge section of the project, including road tunnels running east from Haberfield under Annandale, looping south under the Rozelle Goods Yards and running beneath the western edge of Federal and Jubilee

Parks in Glebe. Road interchanges are planned to be centred on the Rozelle Goods Yards and on Parramatta Road in Camperdown. WestConnex has begun geotechnical drilling around these sites. The exact location of the tunnels and of the interchanges is not yet known.

The Glebe Society was also involved in opposing a series of changes proposed by IPART to the fares structure for NSW public transport, including a suggested increase of the daily fares for seniors from the current \$2.50 a day maximum to \$9 a day maximum. A submission opposing these changes was lodged with IPART by the Glebe Society in February. The final IPART report to the State Government has recommended some increase in these fares but only to a maximum of \$3.60, \$3.80 and \$4.00 progressively over the next 3 years.

*Murray Jewell, Convenor, Transport & Traffic*

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## Planning Subcommittee Annual Report 2015-2016

### *Bidura*, 357 Glebe Point Road

This controversial proposal dominated the second half of the year, and has been exhaustively covered in the *Bulletin*. There is an update in this month's *Bulletin*.

I remind members that the original Blacket dwelling (1857) and its associated ballroom are State Heritage Items and will be conserved. The concerns are what will happen to the Brutalist Remand Centre (1980) at the rear, and the size, especially the height, of any development that replaces it. The Society has always argued that any new building should not exceed the height of the Remand Centre (five stories).

### Glebe Affordable Housing, Cnr Bay and Cowper Streets

As a State Government project, this proposal could not be rejected, only amended. The Society has been a consistent critic of this use of public land for a partially private development, and the height and scale, not to mention the demolition of public housing leaving a vacant site for many years. While there have been some welcome modifications, the development has been approved and will proceed much as it was.

### Further Legislative changes

We have been warned by the Better Planning Network to expect another attempt by the State Government to introduce a new Planning Bill. The previous attempt to replace the 1976 Act was abandoned following amendments in the Upper House. Since then the State Government

has relied on its existing powers to force through more changes favourable to developers, but it seems this is not enough. I will report on the content of the Bill when it becomes available.

### Councillor Robyn Kemmis

As I have stated already in the *Bulletin*, there is no doubt Glebe benefited greatly from having an able local resident and Society member on Council. At her memorial in Foley Park many groups in Glebe and elsewhere spoke of their appreciation for her efforts. She will be difficult to replace. Clover Moore's full team for the September Council election appeared in the *Sun Herald* of 17 July.

### Progress of developments

The new childcare centre on The Crescent in Annandale is almost finished, and may be open by our AGM. So may the Tramsheds, where the restored tram has now been installed. There is a full account of the lessees on page 12 of the first (March) *Bulletin* of 2016.

Construction has begun on the last Mirvac building in Harold Park, and the affordable housing, to be constructed by City West Housing, is about to begin. Council's work on the new 3.8 ha park is progressing, and planting is about to begin.

The creation of additional shopping areas on the second floor of the Broadway Centre is also likely to be finished shortly.

## National Trust

Members may not be aware that Australian Trust members have reciprocal rights in the UK. The UK organisation is much larger, so this arrangement is very advantageous to Australians visiting the UK. Recently we spent three weeks in the South East of England and visited about twenty NT properties. They included castles, houses of all sizes and periods, including the beautifully preserved homes of the famous,

magnificent art collections, and spectacular gardens such as Sissinghurst. Not only were we admitted free, but were greeted warmly and chatted happily to the army of volunteers, then ate at the NT restaurants and generally had a really good time. I strongly recommend you join, as a way of supporting conservation in general as well as receiving benefits.

*Neil Macindoe, Convenor Planning*

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## Environment Subcommittee Annual Report 2015 – 16

Over the past year the Environment Subcommittee has held one event (in conjunction with Glebe Voices) investigated two broad environmental issues – food security and community renewable energy – and drawn attention to Council's apparent lack of commitment to completion of the Johnstons Creek Parkland Masterplan.

### Glebe Voices – Tony Larkum on mangroves

In September 2015 Tony Larkum spoke at Yuga Cafe, as part of Glebe Voices. Tony provided background on mangroves generally and the important role they would have played in Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays prior to European settlement in 1788. The Bays would have been richly populated by the local Grey Mangrove, *Avicennia marina*, and it is this species that has been used in replanting the bays, a project that extended over several years from 1992 in order to securely establish them along the shore near *Bellevue*.

### Supporting local fruit and vegetable suppliers

A *Bulletin* article in September drew on an interview with Joe Galluzzo, who reflected on changes occurring in fruit and vegetable supply. Joe explained how the dominance of the two main supermarkets both undermines the central market and diminishes the options for small suppliers, especially those supplying specialist or very seasonal produce. The important role played by our local fruit and vegetable stores is greater than we may think, and emphasises the need to support them.

### Community renewable energy

The subcommittee is looking for opportunities to link some large local premises with a community renewable energy company. The aim is to find a suitable location for the installation of rooftop

solar panels on a sufficient scale to make it an opportunity for the community to invest, by linking to an existing not-for-profit enterprise such as Pingara or ClearSky Solar.

### Johnstons Creek Parkland Masterplan – a half-finished project

In the April *Bulletin* we drew attention to disturbing references from Council to the Johnstons Creek Parkland 'final' project being underway, although this would leave about half of the Masterplan abandoned, in particular the treatment of Johnstons Creek itself, and the development of The Hill. We have recently written to Monica Barone, CEO of City of Sydney, expressing our support for completion of these remaining projects.

### Council's Draft Environmental Action plan, 2016 – 2021

We welcome Council's update to its Environmental Action plan, and have prepared a response on behalf of the Glebe Society. We believe that the plan could be further strengthened by including a specific focus on food waste (especially in relation to supermarkets); supporting community energy by actively linking potential medium-sized businesses with community energy enterprises; and by including consideration of light and noise pollution.

### Looking for new leadership

Jan Macindoe will be retiring from the role of convenor of the Environment Subcommittee from the AGM. The subcommittee is looking for someone to take on the role and bring a new energy to this important role for the Glebe Society. We are keen to hear from interested members.

*Jan Macindoe, Convenor Environment*

## For Your Calendar

Wednesday 3 August, 1pm-2pm; *RAHS Day Lecture*, History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney.  
 Thursday 4 August, 7pm. *Thirsty Thursday*. Ahgora, 94 Glebe Point Rd.  
 26 July to 7 August. 'Paradigm' by Chidzey. Gauge Gallery; 68 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Wednesday 17 August, 6pm. Glebe Voices: Ross Gittins . Yuga Café St Johns Rd Glebe.  
 Wednesday 17 August, 7pm. *Players in the Pub*. Toxteth Hotel, upstairs.  
 Sunday 28 August, 11am. *Glebe Society Annual General Meeting*. Glebe Town Hall.  
 Thursday 1 September, 7pm. *Thirsty Thursday*. Porterhouse Bar and Grill, 22 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Thursday 6 October, 7pm. *Thirsty Thursday: Red Chilli Hotpot Chinese Restaurant*, 15 Glebe Pt Rd.  
 Friday 21 October, 6pm. *Centipede Fundraiser*. Glebe Rowing Club.  
 21 October - 20 November. *27th Annual Glebe Music Festival*. Various locations.  
 Sunday 11 December, 5-9pm. *Glebe Society Christmas Party*. Glebe Town Hall.  
 Tuesdays, 10.30am - 1.30pm. *Life Drawing at the Tocky*, Toxteth Hotel, upstairs  
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 10am to 2pm. *Have A Chat Café*. Old Fire Station.  
 Wednesday mornings, 8.30am. *Glebe Bushcare Group*. nr Jubilee Park.  
 Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30pm; *Glebe Community Singers*. Glebe Public School Hall, Derwent St entrance.  
 First and third Friday of the month, 10am. *OM:NI*, Old Fire Station



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