

The Glebe
Society

BULLETIN

No.4 of 1975. (may)

P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037. Phone 660-0026.

POLLUTION

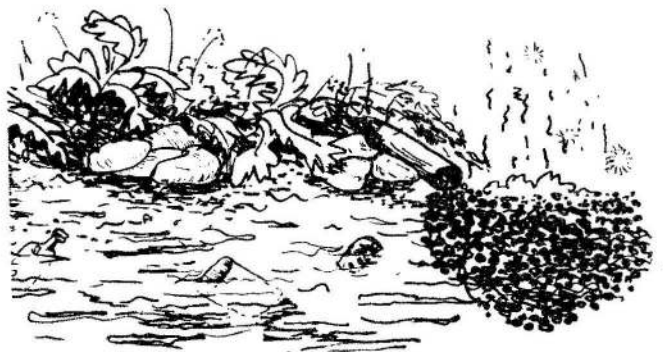
A meeting of the Environment Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, 23rd April to discuss ways and means of monitoring and controlling pollution in Glebe. Atmospheric pollution, noise pollution, the use of biocides in the locality and pollution of the bays and waterways around Glebe are all areas of concern. Atmospheric pollution and noise pollution require expensive monitoring equipment, and assessment would require the help of the State Pollution Control Commission. This would be possible only if a very strong case could be made concerning excessive local pollution. However, one simple but useful activity would be to measure fall-out from dust and dirt. This can be done very easily with simple equipment and requires little effort. Anyone interested in helping with this part of our programme should contact Tony Larkum (660.7030).

A letter has recently been sent from the Glebe Society to Leichhardt Council recording concern over the use of "2,4,5-T" as a weedkiller in the Municipality. This dangerous and long-lived chemical was used as a defoliant in Vietnam, and it would be preferable to use less toxic herbicides in our streets and parks.

Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays are, in a marine sense, deserts as far as their ecological communities are concerned. The rich animal and plant life of these estuaries has long since given way to bare mud and turbid water following the onslaught of surrounding industries. Part of the problem is the use of drains and canals as convenient outlets for toxic effluents by many small industries. Large streaks of polluted water can often be seen where drains discharge in the bays. If you see this occurring, the number to ring is 2.0661 (day) or 649.1555 (night). There are stringent requirements and heavy fines

under the Clean Waters Act. And remember if you see a neighbour shampooing his car or tipping paint slops or sump oil down the drain, that these pollutants do not conveniently disappear but turn up on our doorstep at the nearest stormwater outlet into the bay.

One of the greatest sources of pollution of the bays is the stormwater sewerage connection to Blackwattle Bay. As a result of this, raw sewage is discharged into the Bay



after heavy rain. While such a highly inadequate system, which is a heritage from the previous century, would be extremely expensive to correct, it should be a long-term goal of all local residents.

If you see these or any other kinds of pollution, especially noise or smoke (it is now an offence for a motor vehicle to emit visible exhaust continuously for more than fifteen seconds) you should ring the State Pollution Control Commission:

Phone 2.0661 by day or
649.1555 after 5.00 p.m.

Tony Larkum

WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG

Some Dates in the Formation of the Glebe Society.

December 7th, 1968: "Things are Humming in Glebe" by Sandra Jobson in Saturday's Sydney Morning Herald. She states residents new and old are meeting to discuss the future of the suburb.

February 27th, 1969: Diary note (Bernard Smith's) Glebe Association meeting.

March 27th, 1969: Inaugural meeting of The Glebe Society in Glebe Town Hall.

June 19th, 1969: First General Meeting of The Glebe Society. Draft constitution put to the meeting; Management Committee elected.

Leaflet circulated stating aims of society to:
Preserve our historic buildings;
Encourage parks and gardens;
Improve amenities;
Promote interest in Glebe as a community.

July, 1969: Vol.1, No.1, The Glebe Society News Bulletin produced by the Hon. Secretary, Sandra Darroch.

Early Successes

July 19th, 1969: First activity of the Society - a walk around Glebe led by Max Solling.

August 2nd, 1969: First demonstration as a society to support Paddington Society in protest against the widening of Jersey Road.

August 27th, 1969: Demonstration to support the residents in Arcadia Road in their protest against proposal to open an entrance to Harold Park at the end of Arcadia Road

March, 1970: Letter from the Minister for Highways, Mr. D.H. Morton, to inform The Glebe Society that the North-Western Expressway between Lombard Street and Maxwell Street would be a bored tunnel.

March 6th, 1971: The Ferry Road protest march followed by meeting in Earnest Pedderson Park which was successful in preventing the building of a block of flats at 61 Ferry Road.

February, 1972: Anti-inner-urban expressway demonstration in the "Lyndhurst" - Glebe Point Road area, organized by the Leichhardt Council and actively supported by Glebe Society.

November, 1972: Glebe Society's monograph No. 1 published; a 30 page booklet entitled "An Alternative to Inner Urban Expressways".

September, 1973: House and Garden inspection. About 350 people visited Glebe.

April, 1974: A submission regarding the existing Child Welfare Act (1939) sent to the Department of Youth, Ethnic and Community Services in New South Wales, relevant to "Bidura", "Royleston" and the Girls Shelter in Glebe.

October, 1974: Anti-inner-urban-expressway demonstration and vigil at Fig Street, Ultimo. The President of the Glebe Society chaired the street meeting following the cessation of housing demolition. Neville Wran, Joe Owens, Albert Mispel, Joye Wallace and others addressed the meeting.

December, 1974: Glebe Society's monograph No. 2 published "A North Western Railway instead of the Expressway".

Kate Smith.

MARKET DAY

Saturday, 26th July, MARKET DAY STREET STALL. There will be a "market day" in aid of the Glebe Community Care Centre. The Glebe Society will be running a street stall and we desperately need ARTS and CRAFTS (crochet, knitting, sewing, pottery, paintings, pot plants, cakes, etc.).

The market day will be at Glebe Public School, to begin at 9.30 a.m.

Do ring Kate Smith, (660.1824) or Kathy Pickles (660.4924) before 26th July and let us know what you can donate.

Please give this your support as our community at large will benefit from the Glebe Community Care Centre's work.

BIRTHDAY FLING

Saturday 21st June, 8.00 p.m. (after dinner). We have an event, a time, a place and a THEME for this year's celebrations!

Do you have a secret passion for Ancient Rome or Medieval England? Are you a winkle picking 1960's type? The theme for our party is BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS, so get out your favourite costume and come "got up" to add spirit to our evening.

THE PRIZE for the costume that makes the best fun is half a doz. bottles of wine.

Wine and a light supper will be served. Tony and Hilary Larkum's. 17 Alexandra Road, Glebe.

R.S.V.P. Larkum's 660.7030
Pickles 660.4924
money and reservations before
Saturday, 14th June. \$2.50
per head; \$1.00 pensioners.



Here is an excerpt from a lecture by Dr. Moss Cass, delivered in Canberra on 24th July, 1974.

A community which makes decisions communally is well placed to make decisions fairly. I have no doubt that, if groups of citizens cannot perceive their own interests, no planner can do it for them. And I am equally sure that if plans are imposed on people without reference to their own needs, problems will erupt sooner or later.

Suburban resident action groups, for instance, have grown up out of a legitimate but previously stifled need to determine the basic shape of their own environment. Their actions can easily be misinterpreted as thwarting the legal plans of State utilities and private developers. But such 'thwarting' is made inevitable by elitist planning. Similarly, the notorious green bans of the New South Wales Builders' Labourers' Federation became necessary because preservation values were not being given a hearing in the State Government's urban planning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

In perusing the latest edition of the Glebe Society Bulletin (Mar. 1975), I was delighted to read the missive from St. Ives. What a shame it is that your correspondent from that garden suburb did not sign his or her name - the more that we might share his obvious delight in our new memorial.

I am sure that all members of our society agree wholeheartedly that this memorial is something to be proud of - why, I would be greatly surprised if the brown vessels have not carried tales of its stature and beauty to far off places such as Newcastle on Hunter!

How appropriate it is that this object is placed at the corner of our lovely Wentworth Park where circuses and dog races provide a fitting backdrop to its classic lines, and exercising greyhounds stop awhile to claim it for their very own.

Unlike others of our area, I feel that that this is indeed a fitting tribute to Sir R. Askin and invite the citizens of more fortunate areas of Sydney to borrow our memorial.

I remain, Sir

Your loyal and obedient correspondent

R.H.

(Name withheld by request, to complete the picture!)

(In fairness to our St. Ives correspondent it should be mentioned that his letter was anonymous only because his signature was illegible - Ed.)



GARDENING NOTES

June 8, 2.30 p.m. A visit to the Arthur McElhone Reserve, Onslow Avenue, Elizabeth Bay. A most attractive reserve, beautifully landscaped.

July 13, 2.30 p.m. A rose pruning demonstration at St. John's Village by Mr. P. G. Conley followed by his talk (postponed from June 8) at 58 Toxteth Road.

August 8, 8.00 p.m. At 58 Toxteth Road. A film show of gardening and nature films by courtesy of the Bank of New South Wales.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- 4 JUN 1975

Wednesday, ~~28th May~~, 8.00 p.m. The ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE will meet at Tony Larkum's, 17 Alexandra Road.

Saturday, 7th June, 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. at Gwen and Jeanette Knox' house, 26 Victoria Road. A good way to meet newer and older members of the society! Tea and coffee 20¢.

Saturday, 14th June, The LAST DAY to tell us if you are coming to the Glebe Society 6th Birthday Party. 660.4924 or 660.7030.

Saturday, 21st June, 8.00 p.m. BIRTHDAY PARTY (details elsewhere in Bulletin!)

Saturday, 26th July, 9.30 a.m. Street stall at Glebe Public School. Bring along arts and crafts. More information about this is elsewhere in the Bulletin.

MISCELLANY

Leichhardt Municipal Council

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

The Town Clerk has advised that as from 29th April, 1975 the Council Office has been situated at 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt - phone 560.4100. Office hours are 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

The Council's postal address (P.O. Box 45, Leichhardt. 2040) and the office hours at the Balmain and Glebe Town Halls and the Annandale Council Chambers remain unchanged.

Council meetings continue to be held in the Council Chambers, Leichhardt Town Hall, 107 Norton Street, Leichhardt, on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8.30 p.m.

Next Play Reading

Wednesday, June 25th. The play reading group will read "The Plough and the Stars" by Sean O'Casey at the home of Marion and Randall Jones, 27 Mansfield Street, at 8 pm. Enquiries to Marion at 660.4072.

There is a tentative date for the Glebe Society's second "House and Garden Inspection"; Sunday 12th October. Various houses and/or gardens are open to members and their friends, and it is an opportunity that you must not miss to observe fine architecture and interesting indoor and outdoor ideas.

WELCOME TO...

Joey ROWDEN
John BUSHELL
Rosalind HINDE
Neil SMITH
Dianna and Dale BUDD
Barbara and Phillip BASSETT
Mr. and Mrs. W. LEWINSKI
Heather GUINNESS
Mary WILLCOX
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. FORRESTER
Drs. G. & M. SARGENT
Beverley BUSHNELL
W. P. & S. NELSON
Louise BERRY