

REPORTS:

President's Message

The end of our last year saw the end of an era with the departure of our founding Father and Mother, Bernard and Kate Smith, to Melbourne. It is clear that without their energy and faith the Glebe Society would not be the flourishing organisation that it is. Many who saw the beginnings of the Society must have believed that change was not possible, yet Glebe is now a very different place to what it was ten years ago.

I am indeed humbled by the prospect of emulating the achievements of my predecessors who have developed a society which has permanence, combining social cohesion and old-fashioned neighbourliness with a capacity for civic action. We can enjoy ourselves and still bring potent weapons to bear upon politicians, government departments, the Council and the media.

Campaigns for the Glebe High School at Blackwattle Bay, "Lyndhurst" and Glebe Point East have produced some favourable results up to the present. But there remain many issues and problems for us to grapple with. The final results of the local government elections will probably presage the exhibition of the Leichhardt Plan, which has been developed behind closed doors between the Council and the State Planning and Environment Commission. We already know that some freeway plans have been reincluded and the Maritime Services Board has regained its unfriendly grip of our waterfront. Anyone interested in assisting with submissions on the Plan will be warmly welcomed. If you hope for public access to our waterfront, if you oppose government agency control of our destiny join with us in a persistent campaign for a better Glebe.

There is an immediate threat to Glebe which we must act upon - the Balmain coal loader. This dirty, noisy industry is planned to double in capacity. The coal dust we collect on the prevailing westerlies will at least double adding to what we already find on our window-sills. This decision, which all qualified experts oppose, has been made, it seems, from motives of political expediency. Secure Labor politicians need to be advised by their constituents that we cannot be

expected to tolerate the coal-loader at White Bay. Write to Pat Hills, Roger Degen and Les McMahon (MHR) care of Parliament House, Macquarie Street for Pat and Roger, Canberra for Les.

I look forward to a productive year, socially and politically. Our new committee members John Cowling, Secretary, John Hoddinott, Treasurer, Sue Johnson, Patrick Macalister, Nigel Stokes and Noeline Sandblom will give fresh impetus to the old guard of the Society.

Shall I see you at the House Inspection, on the Ferry Trip or at the Xmas Party?

Jim Coombs

AGM

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting 10 August 1977.

The meeting, held in the Glebe Town Hall, opened at 8.15 pm and some thirty members were present.

The Secretary, Mr Jim Coombes, read the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and these were adopted by the meeting.

The President, Miss Jeannette Knox presented the President's report. IT WAS MOVED that Jeannette Knox be congratulated upon the work she had done for the Society. Mr Bill Nelson said that she had led the Society with distinction, providing an excellent example to follow. The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Secretary reported on recent events, the acquisition of the Hudson's site for a high school, the interest of the Land Commission in the Parkes' property at Glebe Pt and the completion of work on the first stage of the Forest Lodge School.

The Treasurer tabled the Annual Statement and commented that the Society had "too much money". Discussion followed on uses,

in particular on plans to produce a short historical summary, based on the lectures given this year by Max Solling. The report was adopted.

The Planning report was adopted. Alan Robertson expressed concern over the lack of interest in Glebe Point East - the fact that Venetia was owned by the Council was not adequately realised. The connection between Cook St and Leichhardt St was in the hands of the State Planning and Environment Commission. Both areas could have park developed. Jim Coombs pointed out that approaches had been made to Council over Venetia, with no result. Eric Sandblom suggested that petitions and demonstrations would get results.

Dorothy Perkins presented the Social Activities report detailing the events of the last year. Eric Sandblom moved a vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation. Jeannette Knox appealed for members to assist with social events either by provision of a venue or by offering to organise a particular event.

Max Solling reported on historical activities, especially the lecture series. He embellished his report with a short discourse on the activities of the Temperance movement in Glebe. This entertaining diversion was greeted with warm applause.

The President announced the results of uncontested ballots
President - Jim Coombs, Senior Vice-President - Ralph Kaye, Junior Vice-President - Tony Larkum, Secretary - John Cowling, Treasurer - John Hoddinott and two Committee members - Sue Johnson and Patrick Macalister.

The President then called for nominations for the two remaining Committee positions. Only two were made and they were declared elected - Noeline Sandblom and Nigel Stokes. Alan Robertson was elected Auditor. The following Motion of Which Due Notice had been Given was moved by the President,

"THAT Life Membership be accorded to Albert Mispel and Albert Renshaw".

It was pointed out that both had given sterling service to the Society over a number of years. The motion was carried by acclamation.

In General Business a Mr Miller, not a member of the Society, addressed the meeting about the threat of the proposed Balmain Coal Loader to Glebe in the form of dust carried by prevailing westerlies. It was agreed that this was an urgent matter and that cooperation with the Balmain Association should be active.

Bill Nelson said that a primary objective should be to open the waterfront of Glebe up to residents for recreational use. Jim Coombs reported on the Society's support for the Millard Plan for the resumption of the Federal Rd and adjoining properties for a park.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned at 9 pm to a supper of wine and cheese, and extended conversation.

NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE :

President : Jim Coombs - 660-0026.
Senior Vice-President : Ralph Kaye - 660-2165.
Junior Vice-President : Tony Larkum - 660-7030.
Secretary : John Cowling - 660-3057.
Treasurer : John Hoddinott - 692-0071.
Committee : Sue Johnson - 692-0318.
Patrick Macalister - 660-7218.
Noeline Sandblom - 660-6593.
Nigel Stokes - 660-7181.
Auditor : Alan Robertson.
Bulletin Editor : David Reeve - 660-2207.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES REPORT : 1977

This year's activities opened successfully with a Welcome to New Members in September at the home of Andrea and Alan Robertson. It took the form of a "floater's party", that is, pie in pea soup. The varieties of pea soups were many and very much enjoyed. I should like to thank the ladies in the Society who organised the "soup kitchen", and I should particularly like to thank Andrea and Alan for not opting out at the last minute, as lesser souls would have done, when Andrea was confined to bed through illness before, during and after the party.

The Annual Ferry Trip followed in November, which was a social success but a financial failure.

The Christmas Party was at the home of Peru and Dagmar Perumal; the party was well-attended despite an incredibly hot evening. The Perumal home made an ideal setting for such hot weather and most of the evening was spent outside in the courtyard.

More new members were welcomed in March. This time we took the innovative step of holding it at the Glebe Rowing Club. Max Solling spoke on the History of the Glebe Rowing Club, and I think it would be a fair comment to say that the good attendance was due to the interest in Max's talk. The Glebe Rowing Club Management were most cooperative in every way to ensure a successful evening for us and this venue should be kept in mind for future social functions.

An Asian evening was organised in the Glebe Town Hall in April, and was a social success. This evening required a great deal of organisation most of which was done by Merle Larcombe and David Reeve.

The Birthday Party and Farewell to Kate and Bernard Smith was held in June at the home of Dennis McManis. It was organised by Kathy Pickles and Annette Evans with help from others. Many foundation members were present to celebrate our 7th Birthday, but especially to say good-bye to Kate and Bernard. It will have the distinction, in this report at least, of being the most successful, if not the saddest social activity for the year.

Coffee mornings are the most innocuous social events of the Society. Occuring on a regular basis and with a minimum of organisation, they have steadily been attracting more and more members. The average attendance would be between eighteen and twenty. The ease of organisation depends on the availability of homes and over the past two years this has not been a problem. There has been some suggestion that a higher quality of tea and coffee be purchased, but to raise the quality of coffee and tea would require raising the contribution. This perhaps could be discussed by the new social activities group.

This is my last social activities report for which I am extremely grateful, as no doubt, so are you. It is therefore appropriate for me to say thank-you most sincerely to those simple-minded people like myself who can see the real worth in terms of community welfare of the social activities organised by the Glebe Society.

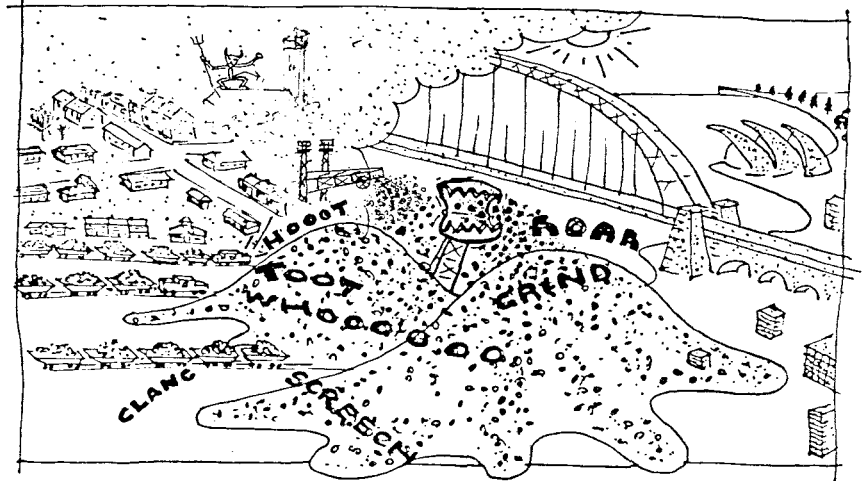
D. Perkins



COAL LOADER

The President's message above draws attention to this threat to Glebe. The matter was also raised by Mr Miller at the AGM (see the Minutes), who is circulating a petition to the Premier, which reads as follows:-

- WHEREAS : the State Pollution Control Commission's Annual Report, June 1976, declares that :
1. the existing coal loading facility at Balmain is environmentally undesirable, and it is not practicable to rebuild it for ships of the size demanded by present day transport economics (ships of 150,000 DWT);
 2. and that the present coal loader operated by the Maritime Services Board at Balmain is still failing to comply with several licence conditions;
 3. and that there is a fundamental government decision that an alternative port to Port Jackson for



THE COAL LOADER (see below:)

bulk cargoes must be developed.

AND WHEREAS : the proposed expansion of the obsolete Balmain facilities to cater for ships of 70,000 DWT (as against 40,000 DWT maximum at present) would mean bigger deliveries and coal dumps, dust emission, from front-end loaders, etc working on coal heaps and from conveyor-transfer points, noise pollution from an endless stream of coal-trains, day and night all year around - within one mile distance to the city.

Therefore, we, residents of the affected inner suburbs and people, who are concerned about the future of our City, protest against the threat to the quality of our life, as well as against the wanton degradation of Sydney by the installation of ANY coal loader in this area.

Further to this, we request that the existing facilities be demolished and a community recreation reserve be established in its place.

Your public support for this end is sought."

You can sign the petition at Gleebooks.

WHAT THE MANAGEMENT DID

1. Minister for Education Bedford has said that the Department is acquiring Hudson's yard for the Glebe High School. This campaign has borne fruit.
2. The House Inspection has been advertised to historical societies and residents groups.
3. We are financing crocheted blankets for Elsie Refuge.
4. A meeting is to be held with the Balmain and Annandale Associations.
5. Dr Wilenski has thanked us for our submission to the Enquiry into the Public Service.
6. We wrote to the Council supporting Ald. Millard's scheme for the Rozelle Bay foreshore to be made into a park with the permanent closure of Federal Rd bridge and a scheme for traffic reduction on Wigram Rd.
7. We wrote to Minister Ron Jackson protesting at the plan for a six-storey complex behind the Bidena Child Welfare depot.
8. We have thanked Max Solling (with a gift) for his lecture series and Forest Lodge School for use of their premises (we will be finding an appropriate historical item for presentation to the school).

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

Peter and Sandy REES
Janet PIPER
Mrs Judith ROBERTS
Miss Philippa MAHER
John RODGER
Patrick, Suzanne and Anna
MACALISTER
L. ZOM
Kenneth CRIPPS
Jean ROBERTS
Bruce and Karen VILES

MUNICIPALITY OF LEICHHARDT ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote in the Elections for Alderpersons for the Glebe Ward on Saturday 17 September, between 8 am and 6 pm.

Voting is compulsory for persons on the electoral roll. The election is for two Alderpersons and there are four candidates for Glebe Ward:

PERCY, John Knowles
CAWLEY, Ivor Howard
MILLARD, Stanley George
SCHNOOKAL, Deborah Jane

FOR YOUR DIARY

(a) General

Sunday 16 October - Bi-Annual House Inspection. Now in final stages of planning. Tickets \$2.50 with concessions for large groups. Details of walk on the ticket. For tickets or enquiries, write or ring Ralph Kaye, 62 Toxteth Rd, 660-2165.

Sunday 17 November - Annual Ferry Trip. The ferry will leave Glebe Rowing Club at 11 am to return at 4 pm, probably visiting Clifton Gardens. Tickets are family \$7; single \$3; child \$1.50; bring your lunch and refreshments. We usually take some children from Bidura and Royleston and would be grateful for volunteers to look after a child and bring an extra lunch. For tickets and enquiries contact Diana Schlicht, 11 Arcadia Rd, 660-3959 and Dale Dengate, 25B Avenue Rd.

(b) Coffee Mornings

Saturday 10 September : at Kathy and Ian Pickles', 64 Toxteth Rd. This month it is on the second Saturday as the Bulletin is later than usual.

Saturday 1 October : at Pat Moore's, 12 Alexandra Rd. For enquiries on either ring Sue Johnson, 692-0318.

(c) The Monday Group

Monday 12 September: Meeting at Mrs Marian Harris', 280 Glebe Point Rd.

Monday, 10 October : Meeting at Mrs Agnes Dolle's, 57 Arcadia Rd.

(d) Playreading : Tuesday 20 September : at Vivienne Clark's, 88 Holden St, Ashfield at 7.30 pm, to read Hal Porter's "The Tower". Enquiries, Vivienne Clark, 797-6699.

(e) Cycle Ride : Sunday 2 October :

This ride was postponed from 3 July to October. Assemble at 10.30 am between the two sets of traffic lights in St Ives shopping centre for a ride of approximately 15 miles to Newport Beach (guaranteed one hill only en route). Hardy swimmers should bring costumes, all cyclists their puncture repair kits and everyone needs a friend with a car to collect cyclist and machine from Newport Beach. For details phone John Peterson, 660-6213.

