



THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

Box 100, Glebe 2037

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Tenth Annual General of the Society will be held in the lower part of the Glebe Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13th August, 1980.

All members are urged to attend, particularly new members. Some effort has been put into making the evening pleasant and having a minimum of formalities. We are ensuring sufficient heating, and the official business will involve the reception of those reports not printed in this Bulletin and elections for management committee positions for which no nominations have yet been received. Please come along and be nominated if you would like to help out.

We hope to have an interesting speaker, and John Dengate will entertain us with his delightful bush music.

There will then be general discussion over much wine and light refreshments.

No proposed nominations have been received yet on nomination forms.

See you at the A.G.M.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Glebe Society entered its eleventh year with unflagging strength and can now look back on a year full of activity and a range of notable achievements. Nevertheless there are still a number of challenging issues which demand all the energy that the Society can give. These are the Town Plan, the loss of parkland, the detrimental activities of some developers, the energy crisis and education and welfare.

The year has seen the departure of several office bearers with many years standing. The loss of Alan Robertson as Planning Convenor, Betty Wright as Social Convenor, David Reeve as Bulletin Editor, Eric Sandblom as temporary Bulletin Editor, and Noeline Sandblom as Distribution Organiser of the Bulletin must be recorded along with our very great thanks for their years of service. However, these losses have thrown an extra burden on the Management Committee; as a result the Society is in much need of a number of young, active members to fill the positions vacated.

TOWN PLAN

Objections to the Leichhardt Planning Scheme continued to Leichhardt Council up to the closing date in July, 1979. In the whole of Leichhardt, 4,378 people wrote letters of objection and 370 persons have elected to appear before the Inquiry, which will be held later this year.

The major objection for Glebe is the blanket 2(b4) zoning (3-storey development at the highest density of 225 people per hectare). Due to the Society's efforts we hope that a more flexible policy may eventually emerge. During the year a Leichhardt residents' committee has met regularly with the Planning and Environment Commission over the Town

Plan and Alan Robertson and Eric Sandblom are to be thanked for looking after the Society's interest there.

LOSS OF PARKLAND

The Glebe has suffered a further alarming alienation of its parkland in the last year. The approved Grandstand in Wentworth Park (along with increased facilities for parking on the remaining grassed areas) and the sale of the right-of-way to Harold Park has placed these areas of Crown Land in the control of sectional sporting interests.

Nor have attempts to gain some compensation for these areas received sympathetic attention. Alan Robertson and the Foreshores Committee have repeatedly tried to gain some more Foreshore along Federal Road, but Mr. Ferguson (the Minister for ports and Works) and the Maritime Services Board have so far been unbending.

Also an unsatisfactory situation exists with regard to the Parkes Development at 461 Glebe Point Road which has not yet been resolved despite a vigorous campaign organised for the Glebe Society by John Buckingham.

THE ENERGY CRISIS.

The energy crisis has rebounded on The Glebe in a number of ways. There has been a fierce battle over lead-free petrol because of concern for the effects of lead on Children in the inner city where pollution levels are high. Eric Gidney has championed this cause and present indications are that the State Government will stick to its intention to bring in lead-free petrol by 1984.

Higher fuel costs are causing a rapid reversal in the trend for people to move to the outer suburbs. Unfortunately this has pushed up the cost of houses well beyond what the average family can afford. The result appears to be that families are moving out of the area. Declining enrolments in local schools are an indication of this and has led the Department of Education to go back on its promise to proceed immediately to build a permanent Glebe High School. A very successful public meeting was held in the Glebe Town Hall on 16th July to protest any delay in establishing the High School. However it is clear that there is need not only for a High School but for a fully integrated plan for the inner city to attract back to it a well-balanced community. The Glebe Society has been pushing very hard for just such imaginative Planning of the Glebe and surrounding areas.

One very important aspect of future plans is to upgrade public transport and reduce the ever increasing number of cars passing through our streets. For many years the Glebe Society has supported the upgrading of the goods railway line through Glebe to passenger transport. John Gerofi has now rewritten the earlier monograph (No. 2) on this subject which will be published by the Glebe Society in October. The present proposal which has already received much publicity is for a light rail system, linking both the inner western and southeastern suburbs.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Many activities have been held by the Society during the past year. The most memorable of these, possibly, was the House Inspection which, under Alan Robertson's guidance, was "a roaring success" and resulted in a profit of over \$2,600.

Coffee mornings have flourished this year under the care of Nan Waterford; changing from Saturday seems to have been a welcome move. The Monday Group has also been active, thanks to the efforts of Pat Moore. The Christmas Party was held at the Glebe Rowing Club and we were very happy to see a very large turn out especially from new members. The Talk by Max Solling on "The Sporting Heroes of Glebe", also at the Rowing Club, was a notable event of the year in which Max gave a fascinating display of his intimate knowledge of our local history.

Finally it is necessary for me to thank the Management Committee for unstinting help. Also the many members who have given up their time in an enormous number of ways deserve generous thanks from us all.

Tony Larkum

WHAT THE MANAGEMENT DID

1. Nobody has proffered his/her services as the Bulletin distribution co-ordinator now that Noeline Sandblom has retired from the position. The Committee would still like to hear from anyone interested in helping out. The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Noeline for her work over the last couple of years in this most important work, that of ensuring that members receive the Bulletin.
2. The successful Lyndhurst working-bee was noted. There will probably be another work morning in September.
3. There was nothing new to report on the proposed Federal Park transfer to public parkland. A letter has been sent to Mr. Ferguson following the public meeting in the park in June.
4. The Blackwattle Bay park will be ceded to the P.E.C. and then handed over to Leichhardt Council. We await positive results.
5. Trains and John Gerofi's monograph. The Committee resolved to fund the printing up to about \$500. See separate item.
6. The possible closure of the Glebe High School was noted and the Society will be fully involved in work to fight this possibility. See separate item.
7. Distribution to all letter boxes in Glebe of the High School Public Meeting and the "Give Us Back Our Parks" pamphlets is well in hand.

THE GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL

The previous Bulletin included a brief report on the possibility of the school being abandoned or remaining as demountable class rooms only. The public meeting on Wednesday 16th July was called and the only way to inform members was by letter boxing. If you disapprove of the breaking of the promise made in 1978 by the State Government that the school would be built to open in 1982, write to Mr. Landa, Minister for Education and protest. If possible, send courtesy copies to Mr. Wran and Mr. Hills. Address all letters to the ministers, Parliament House, Sydney, 2000.

ONLY PUBLIC PRESSURE WILL SAVE THE SCHOOL!

Spend 15 minutes to write a letter.

HAROLD PARK DAY MEETINGS

The N.S.W. Trotting Club held its first of two trial daytime meetings at Harold Park on Tuesday 15th July. This is the first time for nearly 32 years that such an event has occurred. The Glebe Society is totally opposed to any increase in the number of meetings at either Harold or Wentworth Parks. Already our tiny suburb has an average of four or five meetings (trotting, coursing, soccer) every week. We must not have any more and will fight for a real decrease in the number of meetings. Daytime meetings must not proceed. The narrow streets filled with speeding cars are bad enough in the evening but are more dangerous for children playing during the day.

While you are writing your letter to the politicians about the High School, why not write another letter about Harold Park; protest to Mr. K. Booth, Minister for Sport and Recreation, with courtesy copies to Mr. Wran, Mr. Hills and Mr. Bedford, as well as to the Town Clerk, Leichhardt Council. Include a copy to the President, N.S.W. Trotting Club, Harold Park, Ross St. Glebe, phone 660-3688. We suggest you ring during the next daytime meeting on 29th July, to protest, less than politely.

Every letter counts. Give the Society your help by spending a couple of dollars and half an hour, writing to the above Ministers. If you are not interested enough to do so, you will have no right to complain if the school is closed and Harold Park turns into a 24-hour, 7 days a week TAB festival.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded of the subscriptions, \$4.50 household (2 or more adults in a house), \$3.00 individual, 50 cents students and pensioners. The next Bulletin distribution will contain a Bulletin if you have paid, otherwise a reminder form, and it will be the final reminder. We do not have the person power to give you a copy of the Bulletin if you are late in paying, so pay now to ensure continuity. Remember to include an extra \$2.00 if you live outside the Glebe/Forest Lodge area or have a postal address within Glebe. Include your name, Address and class of membership.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

I am very disappointed in the nil response to our call for nominations. Surely there are a few willing souls from our 500-odd members. At a time of increasing threat to Glebe, more help is needed. We welcome any help, particularly at committee level. Any financial member is welcome to stand for any position.

If you have concern for your suburb, I hope some of you will nominate, as new blood is very welcome. All we can promise prospective committee members is hard but fulfilling work and a great deal of support. There are several positions to be filled, so please consider nominating.

If you have doubts, just ask yourself the question "Which person or group best represents and sponsors the interests of Glebe and its residents"? I believe that there is only one answer, so be more actively involved by nominating for the committee.

John Hoddinott

TRAINS AND THE GREAT TRAIN RIDE NO. 2

The new "Light Rail Transport" monograph is almost ready for printing. The Committee and Dr. John Gerofi have agreed in all essentials. During John's temporary absence overseas the distribution will be organised and the publication date is planned for early October. You may have seen the recent interesting publicity in newspaper articles, mainly in the Fairfax Press. We hope to hold the second Great Train Ride in early October. Watch for details in the next Bulletin, and prepare for a train-ride/picnic then.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Glebe Society

Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th June 1980

<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>	
Subscriptions - Household	\$467.50	Bulletin Costs	\$ 444.73
Individual	200.00	Postage	196.47
Pensioner	9.50	Stationery	9.95
Student	2.00	1979 A.G.M.	57.00
Postage	<u>28.40</u>	General Society Expenses	122.20
	\$ 707.40	Standing Subscriptions	92.90
Bank Interest	14.03	Glebe Community Care Centre	50.00
Building Society Interest	27.64	Community Action Groups	<u>123.67</u>
Miscellaneous Income (donations etc.)	<u>205.97</u>	Expenditure before functions	\$1096.92
Income before functions	\$ 955.04	House and Garden Inspection	271.70
House and Garden Inspection	2632.05	Book and Card Purchases	1435.10
Book and Card Sales	1606.84	Glebe Society Birthday Party	176.33
Glebe Society Birthday Party	245.50	Violin Evening	194.27
Violin Evening	125.00	Glebe History-Evening Social	224.16
Glebe History-Evening Social	167.00		
Wine Bottling	<u>105.00</u>		
Total Income	\$5836.43		
Less: Expenditure	<u>3398.48</u>		
Credit for year added to accumulated funds	\$2437.95CR	Total Expenditure	<u>\$3398.48</u>

Accumulated funds at 1st July 1979 \$ 596.63
Add: Credit for year 2437.95
 3034.58

Represented by: NSW Permanent Building Society 2758.64
Account:
CBC Savings Bank Cheque Account: 275.94
 3034.58

(Sgd.) Michael Reynolds
(Hon. Treasurer)

In my opinion, the above Statement of Income and Expenditure is in accordance with the books of account and reflects the transactions of the Glebe Society during the year ended 30th June 1980 in a true and fair manner.

(Signed) R.E. McKeown
(Hon. Auditor)

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TREASURER'S NAG

Please ensure your subscription is paid prior to the Annual General Meeting - otherwise you may not continue to receive the Bulletin. If you have any queries please contact me on 692-0790. Family \$4.50 Individual \$3, Pensioners/Students, 50cents.

Mike Reynolds

For your diary

Essay Competition

As only one anecdote has been received to date, the closing date has been deferred until the 11th August, 1980.

Please send in your essays.

EDITOR'S NAG

Contributions

Would all contributors to the Bulletin please submit items on or before the 15th August.

Merlyn Larcombe

BOOKS FOR SALE

Smith - "The Architectural Character of Glebe"	\$8.00
Evans - "Restoring Old Houses"	\$16.95
Leichhardt Association/PEC - "Plants of the Inner West"	\$2.50
Glebe Society Greeting Cards, with a line drawing of Lyndhurst	15c.ea.
	with envelope.

These books will be on sale at the A.G.M. on 13th August, in the Glebe Town Hall.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Tony Larkum	660-7030
Immed. Past Pres.	Eric Sandblom	660-6593
Senior Vice President:	Peter Stanbury	660-1848
Junior Vice President:	David Reeve	660-2207
Secretary:	John Hoddinott	692-0071
Treasurer:	Mike Reynolds	692-0790
Committee:	Bill Nelson	660-0038
	Rosemary Wilkinson	660-4531
	Kemp Fowler	660-5258
	John Buckingham	660-7780
	Paul Coupe	692-0716
Editor - Bulletin	Merlyn Larcombe	660-0491

AIRCRAFT NOISE

If you wish to complain officially about low-flying aircraft over Glebe, Ring Mascot Airport at 667-0544 during normal office hours and ask for Aircraft Noise Complaints. The after-hours number is 667-9981 (weekends and evenings).

Tuesday, 29th July.

Ring the N.S.W. Trotting Club all day (660-3688) to protest against the second trial day-time meeting at Harold Park. Ask for the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Saturday, 2nd August, 7.30 p.m.

Annual Birthday Party

The Lodge, Cor. Toxteth Road and Avenue Road.

Buffet Meal, Food and drinks, \$5.

for reservations phone Jeannette Knox, 660-7781 or John Hoddinott, 692-0071. To help with catering, confirmation by Wednesday 30th July is absolutely necessary

Sunday, 10th August, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coffee and Wine Morning at Dick and Marle Larcombe, 14 Toxteth Road.

Wednesday, 13th August, 7.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting at the Glebe Town Hall.

Monday, 18th August

Monday Group - the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gwen Knox, Victoria Street, Glebe. A discussion on our July trip to the National Trust will be held. New members would be most welcome. Enquiries ring 660-3694.

Monday, 18th August - 6 - 7.30 p.m.

Drinks at the Rowing Club. Come and meet the new committee and have a drink and a chat.

Every Saturday, 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

St. James Hall, 153 Bridge Road, Glebe, The Rocks Players are holding Creative Drama Workshops for the Young. For further information please phone 660-6203, or write to Rocks Players, 6 Ferry Road.

Saturday, 26th July, 8.15 p.m. for eight weeks on Fridays and Saturdays and on Sundays at 5.30 p.m.

The New Theatre, 542 King Street, Newtown, Phone 519-3403 are presenting an outstanding Italian playwright - DARIO FO with his -

"WE CAN'T PAY? WE WON'T PAY!"