

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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WHAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DID

Airport Extensions

The Federal Government plans to extend Sydney airport would certainly mean an increase in air traffic over the inner city, but there seems to be much confusion over just what noise may be expected from the extensions. The Society will write to the Federal Minister Mr Hunt seeking clarification of various issues involved.

Pollution

With the use of White Bay and Pyrmont power stations throughout the summer Glebe has suffered an increase in pollution. The committee enquired about the possibility of the fallout being analysed so that a solid foundation could be given to protests, but found that such procedures would be prohibitively expensive.

Glebe High School

Plans for the TAFE college on the already overcrowded site of Glebe High School are becoming more definite, with present proposals being for a three to four storey monstrosity taking up both Bridge Road and Blackwattle Bay frontage. The committee will mount a letter campaign to try to stop the TAFE or at least get it shifted.

Harbour Crossing

It was noted that all the proposed plans for a second harbour crossing involved construction of the Johnson's Creek Expressway, which we had previously been assured was no longer being considered.

One positive step which Council could take to oppose the harbour crossing proposal, would be to proceed with plans to develop the Johnson's Creek area as a series of parks and possibly a cycle path. This proposal was put by Alan Robertson some time ago, and has been discussed both in the Bulletin and in Open Council. The Society will be taking steps to further promote the plan.

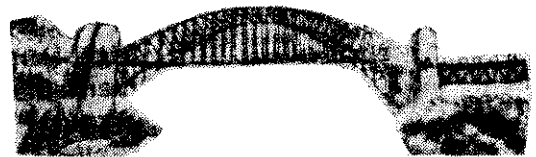
Bicentennial Park

Although there has been no further progress in negotiations with the MSB over the proposals for a harbourside Bicentennial Park in Glebe, it is good news that Council has rejected a proposal by Hookbridge Pty Ltd to use the Sydney Sawmilling site, which is at present unoccupied and could become part of the park.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBOURING RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Haberfield

Proposals for a Conservation Area in Haberfield to protect the area's Federation style housing are being examined at a public hearing in the coming weeks. Recommendations from the hearing will take some months to be announced and will then be submitted to the Department of Environment and Planning who will make recommendations to the Minister.



Balmain

A new group has been formed to fight proposals for a second harbour crossing which would mean massive destruction in Birchgrove, Balmain and Rozelle. The group has called itself Balmain Bridge Action Group (BAG) and anyone interested should contact:

Piers Toop (Chairman)
49 Waterview St,
Balmain (827 1273)



WHAT COUNCIL IS UP TO

Alan Robertson has supplied the following notes on recent actions by Leichhardt Council. All Glebe Society members are indebted to Alan for his attendance at Council meetings with the close watch he keeps on Glebe's interests.

- 1 The Resident Traffic Committee met on 11th February to discuss the compilation of a "Short Term Road Hierarchy Plan".
- 2 The proposed development at 23-25 Cook Street was deferred until the meeting on 16th February. This development of 17 units provides for pedestrian access from Sheehy Street to Cook Street and for an open space contribution of \$85,000
- 3 The subdivision of Glebe Point Motors into two residential lots was approved.
- 4 The community markets proposed for Wentworth Park, which would have alienated large areas of the Park for car parking on Fridays, was rejected.
- 5 The residential development proposed for the Meloy's Site is on display at Glebe Town Hall.
- 6 Council has written to the Premier and the Minister for Local Government and Lands opposing council amalgamations.
- 7 Council has provided \$20,000 in its budget for a campaign against the construction of a second Harbour crossing.
- 8 The following open space acquisitions and developments are included in the 1982 budget:
 - a) Catherine and Seamer Streets closure, plus adjacent land: \$80,000
 - b) Orphen School Creek between Hereford and Creek Streets: \$10,000
 - c) Mitchell Street closure between Westmoreland and Catherine Streets: \$70,000
 - d) Cardigan Street closure between Darling Street and Darling Lane: \$20,000
- 9 Traffic lights are to be installed on Bridge Road outside Glebe High School. Entry to Darling Street will be by left turn only (no exit).
- 10 The DMR is considering a red arrow on lights at Forest Lodge School.
- 11 Traffic conditions around Wentworth Park are to be discussed at the next meeting of the Traffic Committee.
- 12 Action on traffic conditions in Forsyth Street has been deferred pending completion of the road hierarchy plan.
- 13 A development application to store timber and building materials on 15-17 Federal Road was deferred to a works inspection.
- 14 The reports on revised residential densities for Glebe were approved and are available on request.
- 15 Twenty three development applications are currently being processed for Glebe.
- 16 The billboards in Parramatta Road opposite Sydney University have now been removed. The licences of all other billboards falling due on 31/12/81 have been deferred pending the development of a billboard policy.
- 17 Council is acting to oppose the extension of trading hours of licenced premises where these extensions are opposed by residents.
- 18 "Mareton", 61 Ferry Road has been protected by a Section 130 Order by the Heritage Council.
- 19 The construction of toilet facilities at Wentworth Park has been raised with the City Council.

SYDNEY HARBOUR & FORESHORE COMMITTEE (SHFC)

CAN YOU HELP US?

The Glebe Society would like to become a member of the SHFC, which aims to coordinate the efforts of local environmental groups in influencing Government decisions on foreshore development. One long-term aim is to push for a sensible integrated Sydney Harbour Plan (the present MSE plan being totally inadequate). Among the 10 or more groups affiliated with the SHFC are the Hunters Hill Trust, North Sydney Society and Friends of North Head. If you are willing to be our Society's delegate at SHFC meetings, please let us know. Meetings are at 5 pm on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 3rd Floor, 18 Argyle St, The Rocks (subject to change soon?)

Michael Hough

GLEBE THEATRE PROJECT

The Glebe Theatre Project was created when a group of local people thought it would be a great idea to have a theatre in Glebe.

Desmond Bishop, Artistic Director, has worked as a producer in Zimbabwe, the U.K., and Canberra. He has taught and lectured in English, Drama and Media.

Hilary Larkum, Chairperson, is an actress. She was trained at the Ensemble, and has performed in leading productions at the Ensemble, Rocks Players and Marian St.

Merle Larcombe's (Hon. Sec.) interest in the theatre is in script writing. She has attended the National Playwright's Conference in Canberra on several occasions. She wrote a letter to the Mayor, Evan Jones, in May, 1981, asking for Local Government involvement and support of the Arts, particularly the performing arts.

Kathryn Smith is Stage Manager and Lyndell Bradley is Treasurer.

All members live in the Municipality, and four live in Glebe.

There were no funds, just an idea. Funds were raised in a "do it yourself" effort by a dinner, wine bottling, donations from local organisations including the Glebe Society, and the selling of advertising space to local business people. The Leichhardt Council let us have the use of the only local hall licensed for public performance, rent-free, as their contribution to the Festival of Sydney. This hall is covered by the very necessary fire regulations insisted on by the State Government after the Luna Park fire.

However, these regulations have caused many small theatre companies to go to the wall. State and Local Governments have offered no financial aid to these struggling companies, despite the millions of dollars of public money spent on Sports arenas, parks and other activities. The Performing Arts can go hang!

Our first production "Children of the Wolf", by John Peacock, has been an artistic success. It received several good reviews including "one of the four best reviewed plays of the month". We have paid all our bills and had a small amount to distribute to the professional cast and crew, in this co-operative venture. We could have had larger audiences, but as a new company establishing itself in the middle of the Sydney Festival, and competing with well-known imported shows, as well as with dozens of local events, we are quite proud of our achievements.

Most of you will have heard the sorry story of our having to move - as most of the Glebe Town Hall has been given to a Neighbourhood Centre, which does not support the performing arts, or any other arts, for that matter.

However, we have temporarily moved to Studio 228 in Forbes St., Darlinghurst, and have extended the season of "Children of the Wolf", showing each Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. evenings at 8 p.m.

We are getting local support to establish a theatre in Glebe. We believe that two organisations representing about 1200 people have already written to the Council in our support.

We offered seven Aldermen of the Leichhardt Council, complimentary, that is free tickets to see our play. Only one had the courtesy to attend. He also was most helpful in other matters. By the way, does anyone know what is happening to the 50% increase in rates over two years, which some of us have to pay?

If anyone is interested in giving some personal support or writing to the Council about establishing a theatre in Glebe, could you please contact Hilary Larkum, 660-7030, or Merle Larcombe on 660-0491.

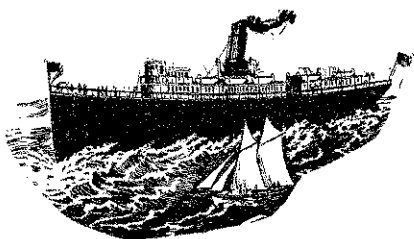
Merle Larcombe
Hon. Sec.
Glebe Theatre Project

NEW GALLERY IN GLEBE

The large house at 144a St John's Road has recently been opened as the Irving Gallery for Sculpture, the only gallery in Sydney exclusively devoted to the marketing and showing of sculpture. The Gallery has made excellent use of the garden to display large outdoor sculpture, as well as displaying indoors.

If any member knows of other arts organisations in Glebe which could be of interest to our members, please let us know by writing to:

The Editor,
Glebe Society Bulletin,
56 Wigram Rd,
Glebe. 2037



COME TO A FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Ferry will pick us up at the Glebe Rowing Club at 11 a.m. and take us to Clifton Gardens, where there is a fenced in pool and plenty of room for ball games, etc. Ferry will leave for the Glebe Rowing Club at 4.30 p.m.

Bring your picnic (including cold drinks) as well as swim suits and a rug to sit on.

Price : \$3.00 for adults
\$2.00 for children & pensioners.

Reservations are necessary before March 18th as space on the ferry is limited to about 60.

Ring : Betty Wright
660.1875 any time.

HELP WANTED

We need someone to take over from Nan Waterford as organiser of our monthly Coffee Mornings. This involves only making a few phone calls to arrange venues, and transporting the cups. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other members. Ring Nan if you think you could help. 660 6906

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For your diary

Sunday, 14th March, 10am-1pm

Our first social event of the year is coffee morning at the home of Sue and Ross Tzannes, 14 Avenue Rd. Drop in and meet other members. New members always welcome.

Monday, 15th March, 10.30am

The Monday Group to visit the Botanical Gardens. Meet outside Jurds Chemist Shop on Glebe Point Road at 10.30am. For details ring Vi Hicks, 660-3694

Sunday, 21st March, 11am

Glebe Society Family picnic. Ferry trip to Clifton Gardens. Bargain prices. For details see notice on this page.

Sunday, 4th April, 9am

The first "Dairy Farmers Rotary Run", 10 kilometres starting and finishing at Wentworth Park. A Fun Run for all ages; proceeds to assorted community causes. For entry forms, write to Dairy Farmers Rotary Run, P.O. Box 69, Camberdown 2050

Saturday, 24th April, 2pm

Local history walk, led by ever-popular local historian, Max Solling. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and meet outside St Scholastica's College, corner Avenue and Arcadia Roads. Afternoon tea will be available. New members especially welcome. Details are available from Jeanette Knox, 660-7781, but no booking is required.