



# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Peter Martin has been co-opted to the Management Committee and is now Minutes Secretary. We are grateful to Peter for filling the temporary gap on the Committee caused by the departure of Jo Bastian.

## Trees

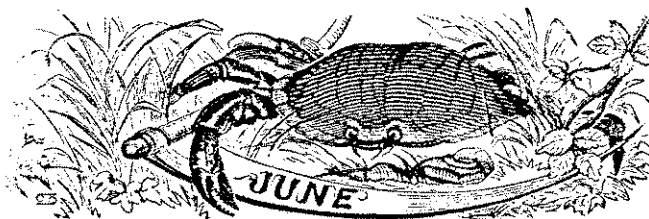
The Society would like to congratulate the Council on the tree planting proposals for Foss Street. However there are several gaps in the treescape of St. John's Road, and we believe the Council should fill these gaps with appropriate plantings. The Society also recommends that residents weed the footpaths and tree plantings in their streets outside their own houses. This reduces the risk of Council using poisonous weed-killers to get rid of weeds.

## Blackwattle Bay Park

The new park will not be opened as soon as was hoped as it is still not ready. The new barbecue area will probably need to be paved to make it as pleasant as possible. This will be suggested to the Council.

## New Members

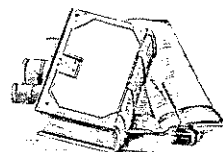
Due to space limitations, the new members list will have to be held over until next time. Apologies for this!!



## HELP WANTED

A volunteer is needed to edit the Glebe Society Bulletin. It is a very interesting job, which allows you to become involved with the Society's activities and to meet other members. The work involved includes collection of articles, some writing, and preparation of the material for the printer. It is preferable that the editor be able to type (and perhaps own a typewriter), but if you want to volunteer but can't type, please discuss it with the current editor. Ring Belinda Weaver on 660 0060 or any of the committee. This is fairly urgent, so don't hold back!!

A volunteer is also needed to sort, look after and possibly catalogue the Society's collection of journals and other publications. Any previous library experience would be an advantage, but generally common sense and enthusiasm are needed. It is important that the Society's journals are not lost or sets incomplete, so please contact one of the Committee if you are interested.



LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
PLAN - RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES.

Earlier this month Leichhardt Council held a meeting to present their Draft Local Environmental Plan - Residential Densities. The Department of Environment and Planning in a letter dated 14.4.83 had confirmed that a general density control of 175 p.p.ha throughout the Municipality would be acceptable provided that larger sites (over 1000 sm) be capable of development to 200 p.p.ha, and a smaller number of sites (already developed above these densities) be zoned 225 p.p.ha. Those sites have already been developed or have development approval.

While the Plan does not meet Council's objectives in the June 1981 draft plan already rejected by the Dept., it is the best that can be achieved at this time and is the result of extensive research and forceful argument by Council Officers. The 175 ppha. zone allows and encourages 2-storey town house built form in preference to larger 3-storey home unit forms likely in 2250 ppha. zones & represents a reduction to "upper limit" densities as well as a disincentive to redevelopment of typical allotments. Combined with controls that will be imposed by the Development Control Plan Council considers it could be confident that the revised densities & the Development Control Plan would provide an adequate safeguard against incompatible and out of scale development which is the primary objective of the Council.

The whole of Glebe will be designated a Conservation area on the Council's new Plan and therefore the Conservation controls will be effective in Glebe. Unfortunately other parts of the Municipality are much less well treated and it is disappointing that the Dept. of Planning & Environment has not sought resident participation and is imposing this plan on the Municipality.

Once the Dept. of Planning & Environment give permission for the Plan to be exhibited then the Exhibited Plan can be taken into account in a Court if the Council wishes to oppose a development proposal.

Apart from the proposal to allow a density of 200 ppha on large sites, the density proposals are generally in line with the Glebe Society's recommendations made in 1979.

A limited number of photocopies of the draft local Environmental Plan - Zoning Map and Conservation Map, are available from Doris Sharpe 27 9271 (bus) 660 6636 (home).

THE GREAT GLEBE STEAM TRAIN RIDE

Ron Best, one of our members, was the instigator, promoter and organiser of the Train Ride and on behalf of the Society - our very grateful thanks for all your work. Our thanks also to the NSW Rail Transport Museum for allowing us the use of the train and other facilities.

The train - 9 cars built about 1910 were relics of pre-electrification Sydney suburban operations - was pulled by Locomotive 5461, built at Everleigh Locomotive Works about 1916 and which has been restored by the Museum's volunteers.

The journey started from Redfern in order to gain access to Darling Harbour. Did you know that at Redfern there is the Engine Dive, the line running in a tunnel beneath platform 1. This line allows locomotives and empty trains from Eveleigh depot to reach Sydney station without crossing all ten tracks on the level? The Museum supplied a pamphlet with enough interesting material to fill a complete bulletin.

The first part of the journey was particularly interesting through Darling Harbour and over the viaduct across Wentworth Park and into the 800 metre Glebe Tunnel- lights switched on and smoke billowing back and into the carriages.

There were plenty of spectators along the track, cameras at the ready, waving us along as the engine chuffed and the whistle announced our arrival.

For the Society members, their kids and grandkids, friends and the train aficionados it was all great fun.

GLEBE SOCIETY BIRTHDAY PARTY

242 St. John's Road, Glebe.

23 July, 1983 (evening)

BUT, the train ride also had its other purpose, and that was to again draw attention to the **fact** that part of the route could be used as part of a Light Rail system. The section is that from the goodsyard at Lilyfield through to the new Entertainment Centre in Haymarket. It would be linked with unused tunnels in the city and former tram reservations in the eastern suburbs to create a light rail network joining the Opera House to Balmain, Abbotsford, Coogee, Maroubra and la Perouse. In view of the plans announced for Darling Harbour the Light Rail Association consider that the need for such a line is great and if the goods line is not used in this way, it will probably be closed permanently as the Darling Harbour Goods Yard is moved out.

For those members who are not familiar with the Monograph on a Light Rail System produced by John Gerofi and its very persuasive arguments for the establishment of such a system in Sydney, you may care to contact the Association who have produced a most informative pamphlet with a map. Contact: Secretary 211 4859 or Light Rail Assoc. Box K637, Haymarket 2000. They would be very happy to have your interest and maybe support.

HARBOUR CRUISE

Although it was a grey day and the harbour had none of its customary sparkle, the members and friends who boarded the ferry at the Glebe Rowing Club on Sunday 30 April nevertheless had a very pleasant and interesting day. We sailed up river round the many bays as far as Gladesville Bridge and then turned "right down the Harbour and out to the open sea" - well not quite just as far as Clifton Gardens for a picnic lunch. Those of us who experienced the 1982 cruise remembered how we had finished the afternoon in the Ladies Toilet block, refugees from the rain, drenched and drowned. The only mishap this time was a lost boy up in the bush above the beach.

Chris Jones and Patti Graham, who live in this charming old terrace have generously invited the Society to hold our Birthday Party in their home.

No.242 was built in 1873 by Mr William Henry Robey, and is a fine example of post regency architecture. It was built from sandstone blocks cut from an adjacent block of land by Mr Robey and his brother-in-law.

Mr Robey died in 1921 at the age of 86 after a colourful early life and distinction in public office. Having joined the Royal Navy at 16, he was later shipwrecked twice during the Crimean War. Towards the end of the 1850's he arrived in Australia and headed for the goldfields. Eventually he settled in Glebe where he lived for 50 years, and was in business as a master carrier. For 23 years he was an alderman on Glebe Council and was superintendent of Glebe Rd. Sunday School for 3 years. He had 14 children, 10 of whom survived his death.

Neglect of No.242 began in the 1960s and continued until 1980. During this period the iron lace was stolen from the front verandah and a similar veranda at the rear of the house was destroyed. At one stage the house was rented as office space and was repeatedly broken into by vandals who smashed windows and wrecked the fireplaces.

Mr Vince Johnson bought the house in 1980 and has since restored it.

It is a delightful place to have a party so, PLEASE, mark the date in your diary Saturday 23rd, meet old friends, perhaps make new ones, and anyway do come along. More details in the next Bulletin.



FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 5.30-7p.m.

This month's Happy Hour will be on a Tuesday because of the long weekend. It will be held at the home of Eileen Lacey, 4 Avon Towers, 2A Forsyth Street, Glebe. New members always welcome. Wine and coffee, small donation.

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

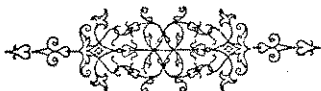
The Glebe Restaurant Club will meet and eat at the Rasputin Restaurant in Glebe Point Road. Choice of two entrees and two maincourses will cost \$11-\$12 per person. House wine is \$4.80 a litre and the restaurant is licensed. Will all those wishing to attend please contact Rita Ramsden on 660 7860 (home) or 665 1357 (work). It is very time consuming to contact everyone (and expensive) so please call Rita if you would like to join the group at the Rasputin.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The coffee mornings of last year have been replaced this year by the Happy Hours which have been much more successful and which have enabled members to meet other members and to make new members feel at home. This type of event seems to be working well, but if members would like to suggest other types of events, please feel free to telephone Rita or anyone on the committee with your suggestions. Perhaps a coffee morning every three months or so would make a nice change. Let us know what you would like, so that we can arrange them and increase participation.

MUSIC IN THE PARK 5 JUNE 1-5 p.m.

There will be a music concert featuring all kinds of music in Wentworth park, on Sunday 5 June. It will be held at the Bridge Road end (where the circuses stay) and it is free. Come along and bring a picnic, bring the kids, meet new people and enjoy the park. All welcome.



MONDAY GROUP

The Monday Group had a fine day for their May visit to the Rocks. The Garrison Church was particularly lovely with the sun streaming through the stained glass windows. The Group rounded off the visit with an inspection of the new Regent Hotel, where they admired the subdued elegance and enjoyed a luxurious 'cuppa'.

MONDAY 20 JUNE 2.30p.m.

The Monday Group will meet at the home of Sally Nelson, 21 Alexandra Road, Glebe. Please bring a plate and your work - knitting, embroidery etc.

MONDAY 18 JULY 2.30p.m.

The Monday Group will meet at the home of Marion Harris, 280 Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

HISTORY WALK - 16th July.

This is just a preliminary notice that a History Walk will be held on Saturday 16th July, probably commencing around 11.30 am, but detailed planning has yet to be completed. The Sutherland Historical Society asked if they could bring a party of members to look around Glebe, and yet once again Max Solling is involving himself with this event.

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