

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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AMALGAMATION REARS ITS HEAD AGAIN

In spite of Mr. Wran's assurances to the contrary, the Government has again referred to the Boundaries Commission its proposal, among other things, to incorporate The Glebe and Forest Lodge into the City of Sydney and to add a substantial part of the present Marrickville Council area to Leichhardt Council.

On the 5th November, an advertisement appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald, calling for written submissions by the 30th November prior to a public hearing on 15th-19th December. Ted McKeown and Eric Gidney have worked very hard to prepare a lengthy submission in the short time available.

From our point of view, there is no possible justification for the resubmission of these proposals, which are precisely the same as those which were submitted to the Boundaries Commission less than twelve months ago.

Furthermore, as far as The Glebe is concerned there is absolutely nothing to be gained, and probably quite a lot to be lost, if either of these proposals proceeds.

There seems to be a certain amount of déjà vu in all this. Perhaps we can look forward to it as an annual Christmas event. Happy Christmas, Mr. Gordon!

REDUCTION

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS: Our special Glebe Society Cards have been reduced to \$3.50 per pack of 10 with envelopes. Useful for Christmas or any other greeting.

WISHING YOU ALL A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



The Committee wishes all our members and friends the compliments of the season.

The next Bulletin will appear in mid-February. Look out for all the activities planned for the New Year.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER

4-SHORES COMMITTEE: Our President, Peter Martin, has been elected to the Management Committee of the Sydney Harbour and Foreshores Committee. This will ensure that the Glebe Society has a say in all future harbourside development.

BLACKWATTLE BAY PARK: Mr. J.H. Palmer wrote to the Society suggesting that Black Wattles be planted in the park that bears their name. The Secretary will write suggesting this to the Leichhardt Council. Other members may care to write to the Council in support of this.

CLEANLINESS OF GLEBE: The Secretary will also write to the Leichhardt Council about the inadequacy of footpath rubbish bins. Pebble-crete bins, similar to those in the City streets, were suggested. (See also page 2, "Taking a Pride in The Glebe").

MEMBERSHIP LISTS: John Priest and Neil Macindoe are undertaking the arduous and essential task of updating the membership lists and bulletin distribution lists.



THE SIGN THAT NEVER WAS

Society members, together with Glebe and Forest Lodge residents, welcomed the recent decision of the Land and Environment Court to dismiss an appeal by the N.S.W. Trotting Club to erect a sequential neon sign above the grandstand at Harold Park. The fight to prevent this sign began in February, when residents received notification from Leichhardt Council that it had received a development application from Adam Neon to erect "3 large sequential neon signs approximately 100 metres long by 6.5 metres high" at Harold Park.

An inspection of this DA at the Council Chambers revealed that the sign was to be placed on top of the grandstand at Harold Park. It did not take much imagination to work out how this would block off sunlight and skyline for residents at the bottom of Arcadia, Toxteth and Boyce Streets; not to mention the visual effect upon residents in Cliff Terrace, Forest Lodge.

The exact purpose of this sign was never fully explained by the promoters, who failed to attend the Council meeting when local residents objected to their sign.

I did hear one rumour that passing airline passengers, coming in to land at Mascot down the Balmain Road flight path, would look out their windows, see the sign, and immediately dash to Harold Park upon landing at Mascot. If this sounds too far fetched, then how about a sign to attract the attention of passing motorists; as if they need any attracting in the first place!

Very soon after the DA was advertised by Leichhardt Council, the Council received a petition containing 57 signatures and 37 individual letters objecting to the proposed sign. When the matter came before Council, many residents spoke against the application, and it was with some relief but little surprise that they heard the Aldermen reject the proposal.

This, however, was not the end of the matter. You can guess what happened next. Yes, the Trotting Club appealed to the Land and Environment Court. Once again, residents with the help of Leichhardt Council and its solicitors, prepared a case for hearing on 15th November.

Finally, when the case came before the Land and Environment Court, it was dismissed before it began, because no one turned up on behalf of the Trotting Club or Adam Neon. But one wonders what the result might have been had it not been for the efforts of the Council, the Society and the residents who so vigorously opposed the application.

Gideon Rutherford

TAKING A PRIDE IN THE GLEBE

The Glebe Society and the Leichhardt Council have a very good working relationship. These are some ways in which we can help each other :

Honorary Rangers

The Leichhardt Council has decided to appoint Voluntary Rangers. They are looking for people with an interest in the community to help control and supervise the public use of the various open spaces and parks throughout the municipality.

Rangers will be given a badge and a description of their duties. They will not have any real powers of law enforcement but will be authorised by Council to take the names and/or car numbers of people they see dumping garbage or in any way creating a nuisance in our open spaces.

Rangers will be required to attend court proceedings if legal actions are taken. The scheme is still in a development stage. Although the publicised application date has passed, Council is still looking for applicants. For further information, ring Mr Woodward at the Council.

Weed Control

If all the householders in Glebe took care of the weeds in and around their own homes, the suburb would look much tidier. The best way to control weeds is to pull them out. If this is not possible, or if the weeds are not on your territory, the Council will deal with them on request.

A spokesman in the Engineers' Department assures us that the Leichhardt Council stopped using 245-T before it was officially banned. To kill the weeds in cracks in footpaths and elsewhere they use ROUND-UP - a Ciba Geigy product. Apparently this is similar to the Zero wand and is absorbed into the leaf of the plant itself. Any residue is broken down into its elements in the soil by sunlight and is rendered harmless.

So if you have a weed problem, deal with it now or ring the Council Engineers' Department. (The only trouble is, some people complain because they liked their weeds).

The Council Depot

The quickest way to get rid of rubbish which won't fit in the garbage bin is to take it to the Council Depot. Drive up the laneway between 50 and 54 Moore Street, Leichhardt.

The depot is open 7.45 - 11.30 a.m. and 1 - 3.45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday only. They will accept a bootfull or trailer load of rubbish, not building materials and not putriscible materials. They will take a reasonable amount of garden refuse, but not a tree. Take your driving licence or rate notice for proof of address.

Storm Drains

At this time of the year we can expect summer storms. During a recent deluge drains in several streets were blocked. This meant that water flowed over roads and footpaths, inconveniencing pedestrians and leaving a trail of debris. If you see that a drain in your street is blocked, let the Council know.

WITH A LITTLE MORE CIVIC PRIDE, WE CAN ALL HELP TO CLEAN UP THE GLEBE AND MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.



THE GLEBE FAIR

The Glebe Community Centre is to be congratulated on their organisation of the Fair in Foley Park, on Saturday, 12th November.

Once again, the Glebe Society had a stall, to remind residents of our continuing efforts in the area. Our thanks to everyone who helped on the stall handing out Bulletins and membership forms and all those who came to visit us.

Temporary Bulletin Distributor

A distributor is needed for the Boyce Street/Mansfield Street area for a few months. It takes about half an hour per issue. If you are able to help, please phone Niel Macindoe, 660-0208.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

LINDSAY FOYLE, a member of the Society for over twelve years, is standing for pre-selection for the Glebe ward of the Leichhardt Council to replace Alderman Willard, who died recently. Lindsay supports the Glebe staying in Leichhardt Council's area, and is in favour of regaining land from the Maritime Services Board, so we wish him luck.

GLADYS REID has gone to stay with her son in Melbourne to recover from her recent illness. If you would like to write to her, Alan Hunt has her address. We all send you our best wishes, Gladys.

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

The January Happy Hour will be on Monday, 17th January at 6 p.m. at Cleo Sahadine's home, 13 Campbell Street.

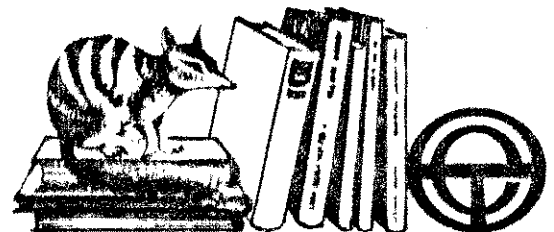
On Tuesday 21st February, the Happy Hour will be at the home of Bara and Ted Marsh, 3 Victoria Road.

Don't miss these opportunities to meet other members of the Society for a drink and "nibbles" and exchange of news.

VISIT TO THE GLEBE HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the Glebe Society have been invited to inspect the new High School in our midst.

The visit will probably be at 5.30 on a week day at the end of February. Details will be confirmed with the School Principal at the start of next term. Look out for information in the February Bulletin.



BOOK FAIR

at

TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
3rd Floor, Argyle Arts Centre
18 Argyle Street, Sydney

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1983 to FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 1984

Weekdays 10 am to 5.30 pm
Weekends (November and December only) 12 noon to 5 pm

ANIMAL CORNER

HOLIDAY CARE FOR YOUR PETS:

To ensure your pets enjoy the festive season as much as you do, please take care that they are adequately cared for. If you plan to be away, arrange for a friend or neighbour to call each day and give your pet fresh water and food, (feeding dishes should be in the shade).

Flea collars should not be too tight. They should be loose enough for three fingers to be moved around the neck.

If you know of an animal in trouble, The Animal Welfare League of N.S.W. is a useful contact at 232-3277. Donations are always welcome.

NOISE POLLUTION AND YOUR PET:

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger. This makes it useful, even to owners of adjoining properties, if burglars or other intruders and/or fire are the reason for its alarm. If a dog barks continually for other reasons, the causes are varied:

- Chaining the dog to a fixed point with insufficient movement or restricting the dog to too small an area for long periods of time
- Deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or by roaming dogs
- Lack of reasonable exercise
- Lack of training
- Providing no kennel or suitable shelter from bad weather
- Loneliness
- Unsuitable or insufficient diet and lack of sufficient water in hot weather
- ill health
- Competition with other dogs or species, especially in boarding kennels where large numbers are involved and there is inadequate separation between animals.

Most of these causes of barking can, and should be eliminated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



FOR YOUR DIARY:

Full details elsewhere in Bulletin.

MONDAY, 5th December, 7.30 p.m.
Committee meeting, Edwina Doe's home.

WEDNESDAY, 14th December, 6 p.m.
Happy Hour, 69 Boyce Street.

TUESDAY, 20th December, 6.30 p.m.
Glebe Neighbourhood Centre Christmas Party. Phone 660-8134 for details.

MONDAY, 16th January, 6 p.m.
Happy Hour, 13 Campbell Street.

SUNDAY, 29th January.
Closing date for February Bulletin.
(224 Bridge Road, near Ross Street.)

MONDAY, 20th February.
Monday Group's first meeting for 1984

TUESDAY, 21st February.
Happy Hour, 3 Victoria Road,

FEBRUARY. (details later)
Visit to Glebe High School.

MARCH. (details later)
Our second Sing-Along.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Membership of the Glebe Society costs only \$4 per year (individual membership). For information ring Betty Wright on 660 1875.