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THIS IS WHAT THE GLEBE SOCIETY IS ALL ABOUT

Edwina Doe

The Glebe Society performs at least three functions in our suburb:

- to act as a watch dog in planning decisions.
- to preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of Glebe.
- to provide a means for Glebe residents to meet socially.

The public meeting about the Homoeopathic Hospital, held at unavoidably short notice on Saturday 31st May was an excellent example of what the Society can achieve by team work. Members of the Planning Sub-Committee became aware of the proposed extension to the hospital. Interested society members contacted the committee, expressing their concern. A meeting was convened and the Planning Sub-Committee arranged the venue and notified the Press, the Bulletin team produced and mailed the Bulletin a week early, to inform members. And last but not least, people gave up their Saturday evening to attend the meeting, which yielded informative debate and constructive proposals. As a result of the meeting, letters were sent to all concerned bodies and an article appeared in The Glebe. (See the resolutions from the meeting. This issue).

Since our meeting the structure of all Hospital Boards has been changed, so the situation regarding the Homoeopathic Hospital is unclear. However, the wishes of the people of Glebe have been put on public record.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th August. If we are to continue to serve the needs of our suburb, we must have a strong, active committee. To function efficiently the committee must include:

- a President
- Two Vice Presidents
- a secretary
- a treasurer
- a social sub-committee.

Some of these positions, particularly secretary and social sub-committee were not filled during 1985/86, and the work involved has been done by committee members who were already busy with other Society duties.

If you want the Society to grow, please nominate to serve on the committee, or at least attend the A.G.M. and make a New Year's resolution to support the Society in every way you can.

CRITICISM OF THE LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The reports from the Planning Sub-Committee, (other pages of this Bulletin), give rise to concern about the performance of the Leichhardt Municipal Council.

We are not alone in this concern. We have seen a letter from our Federal Member, Peter Baldwin, to Mayor Bill Brady regarding a long-day care centre in Leichhardt, which says, in part

"If you genuinely want to sustain a viable working relationship with the Commonwealth, its officers, and for that matter me, I will need your assurance that there won't be any more of the sort of thoroughly dishonest public campaigning that we saw in your column of last week, I regard as scurrilous your attempt to sheet home the blame for Council's own ineptitude on the Commonwealth government and its officers, who have acted properly at all times in this matter."

EMMA MINCHIN

Alan Hunt.

One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Glebe Society has left her Mitchell Street home to live at the Our Lady of Consolation Home at Rooty Hill.

Emma Minchin affectionately called Ming lived for over sixty years in The Glebe. She was a wealth of information on Glebe and its people. Ming hopes to keep in touch with the Society through the Bulletin. We wish her well in her new surroundings.

PROPOSED NEW SYDNEY HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL
PUBLIC MEETING SATURDAY 31 MAY 1986

The Meeting Resolved:

That this Public Meeting of Glebe residents welcomes the proposal for a new day care centre at Sydney Homoeopathic Hospital. However the present proposed development is unsatisfactory because:

1. The building needs to be better located on the site and re-designed to allow better utilisation of the proposed lift. Part of the new building could be two storey.
 2. The wards are too close to two busy streets and would be unacceptably noisy and unhealthy.
 3. The design of the larger wards is not in line with modern hospital practice in that they lack ensuite toilets and showers and separate air-conditioning. Windows would have to be opened, increasing noise and pollution.
 4. The quietest and warmest area now used as recreational open space by patients is to be converted to a car park. Instead this area should be landscaped and the car park re-located.
 5. The proposed courtyards for the use of patients have a southerly aspect and are therefore far less suitable than the area now commonly used.
 6. The present administration block is unsightly and out of character with other buildings on the site. It should therefore be demolished and new offices incorporated into a revised plan. Hospital traffic could then enter from Glebe Point Road. Carparking could then be underneath any new building, or alternatively in a sunken area between the existing raised boundary wall and any new building.
- Yours faithfully,
Edwina Doe.
President.

UNIVERSITY HALL

Would anyone who has a photograph of University Hall prior to the new Cigarette Sign being erected Please contact Neil Macindoe - 660 0208.

MONDAY GROUP

The group will meet Monday, 21st July, at Sally Nelsons, 1 Allen Street, Glebe Point, 12 noon - 3p.m. Please bring lunch for one.

PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE REPORT
LEICHHARDT COUNCIL

OPEN SPACE

On 10th June Council approved a new review of open space in the Municipality. The wording of the proposal makes it clear Council intends to reduce the amount of land planned for open space. This is despite the fact that Leichhardt Municipality has the third lowest amount of open space for each person in the entire Sydney Region, as noted in the recent Department of Environment Report.

Members are asked to oppose any reduction in proposed open space and to suggest Leichhardt increase its commitment to open space, by ringing Ald. B. Thompson, (H) 660 1226, (W) 267 9288, Ald. I. Cawley (H) 660 3420 (Glebe) Ald. W. Brady (Mayor) (H) 810 6923, Ald. H. Mitchell (H) 660 4683, Ald. S. Page (H) 818 3050.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

This is the only alderman's committee, and Leichhardt Council has decided that from July, only half the aldermen, one from each ward instead of the usual two, will be able to vote on the committee, to be held every 1st or 3rd Wednesday. This means that your representation on planning matters, including development applications, has been halved. It also means planning matters will not be fully discussed or reviewed, but forced through with minimal discussion.

Members are asked to make their feelings about this loss of representation and democratic discussion known to the above aldermen.

ADVERTISING SIGNS

Earlier this year Council rejected an application to erect two huge 6 X 3 metre signs on Glebe Police Boys Club, opposite Harold Park. The Club made another identical application, and Leichhardt Planning Department again recommended that consent be refused.

At its meeting of 10 June, however, Council decided not to follow this advice, which derived from Council regulations to preserve residential and space areas from this kind of disfigurement and intrusion.

This political decision, similar to the one by which residents of the Glebe Estate were denied open space, should give members cause for grave concern.

TOXTETH TRAFFIC TROUBLES

Leichhardt Council will shortly be advertising a proposal to half close Mansfield and Bell Streets to traffic turning off Wigram Road. It will still be possible to drive out of Mansfield and Bell Streets onto Wigram Road at any time, but the avalanche of through traffic in the morning peak hour will be stopped.

In addition, the Council proposes to stop traffic from Wigram Road diverting through back lanes. Bell Lane would be one-way (south) between Boyce Lane and Wigram Road, while the same would apply to Mansfield Lane and Church Lane which would be one-way (south) between Herbert Lane and Wigram Road.

These proposals would clearly involve some minor inconvenience for residents of the Toxteth Estate area. However, they would also serve to turn this area into a peaceful backwater free of the noise, pollution and harassment of commuter traffic. As well as cutting out through traffic in the Toxteth area, the plan will also reduce morning traffic in Ferry Toad. It should not make life any more difficult for the harassed residents of Wigram Road as traffic volume there will probably fall as commuters realise its deficiencies as a short-cut.

These plans will be publicised in The Glebe during the next few weeks (probably in the Mayor's column). Everyone who supports the idea is requested to write to the Council and say so. It has taken a good deal of effort to get the idea this far and letters in favour of the plan will be necessary if it is to go through. Your support will help to make it a reality.

Yours Sincerely
Ian Evans.

CRICKET TEAM?

The Glebe Society is a group of people primarily concerned about the quality of their suburban environment. However, I think a legitimate function is to provide opportunities for people of similar interests to get to know each other better.

One aspect which seems to have been neglected, is the opportunity afforded by association in various sporting activities. I would like to suggest that the Glebe Society organize a Cricket Team, involving both sexes. Perhaps other resident groups will do the same. I would like to hear from any other members who would be interested, phone 660 6406, preferably between 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

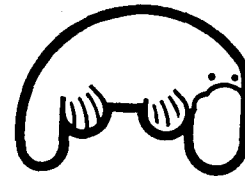
Ian Edwards.

TRAFFIC - AGAIN

The problem of through traffic filtering through residential streets in Glebe has worsened in the last few years, as Society members are all too well aware. Recent submissions by the Society (on Glebe Island Arterial, and on the City West Link proposals - see the May Bulletin) have laid particular stress on the need for traffic planning that addresses these difficulties by traffic engineering within a well-conceived total plan.

In the longer term the Society would hope that planning at this level will reduce or limit through traffic entering Glebe via the Crescent and Wigram Road, but in the meantime the proposals put forward by Ian Evans in this issue of the Bulletin certainly offer an immediate prospect of amelioration.

Members supporting Ian's suggestions might also consider indicating opposition to the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Wigram and Glebe Point Roads. We believe such a development would encourage even more through traffic to use these two roads. Traffic in the Glebe shopping centre is already excessive. More would increase the hazards for pedestrians.



ANTI MONORAIL RALLY

John Hoddinott

The opponents of the proposed T.N.T. Monorail have been called "A trendy Minority" by Mr. Brereton. On Sunday, 20th July at 12.30, you can become part of a thoughtful majority by attending the Rally sponsored by S.C.A.P.M. (Sydney Citizens Against the Proposed Monorail).

By your presence you can protest against the proposed Monorail in appropriating its intrusion into narrow city streets, its non integration with existing public transport, etc., etc.

Remember too, that in the rush to finish the Monorail by 1st January, 1988 the State Government is by-passing its own worthwhile legislation. Ask your friends and work colleagues to attend the meeting, and put up notices about it at your work place.

Let's make it a big one. Make sure the numbers can not be misreported this time. For further details see the Diary and watch the press, or ring S.C.A.P.M. on 265 9056.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members. We invite you to participate fully in our varied activities:

T. Berkemier & L Lerner
P. Fleming & G. Moore
E. & G. Gregory
H. Greenland
Dr. G. C. Kang
C. Parker
Sydney College of Arts, - H. Walker.

SINGALONG

A small group braved the cold and met at Toxteth Hall for the Singalong, which was a fun informal gathering. Many thanks to Lee, our pianist, and to members who brought along a plate. John Stander gained three new members for the Society.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Bi-centennial Park -
John Buckingham - 660 7780

Blackwattle Bay Park -
Bob Armstrong - 660 4189

Harold & Wentworth Parks -
Gideon Rutherford - 692 0239

Jubilee Park -
Tony Larkum - 660 7030

History Group -
Alan Hunt - 660 2407

Planning -
Alan Robertson - 660 6149

Traffic -
Jeanette Knox - 660 7781

Monday Group (Social)
Sally Nelson - 660 6138

Meet the Members Evenings -
Alan Hunt - 660 2407

The Committee is anxious to form groups to cover other areas of interest. If you are willing to help form a sub-committee on any matter concerning The Glebe, contact Edwina Doe, 660 7066 (H) 922 3877 (W)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLEBE SOCIETY COSTS
HOUSEHOLD \$12, INDIVIDUAL \$10, PENSIONERS
AND STUDENTS \$4. FOR INFORMATION RING
JOHN STANDER - 692 9927

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday - 20 July, Anti Monorail March,
St. Andrews Square next to Town Hall,
12.30.

Monday - 21 July, Monday Group - Noon -
3p.m. 1 Allen Street, Glebe Point.

Wednesday - 23 July, Committee meeting,
7.30p.m. 224 Bridge Road

Tuesday - 5 August, A.G.M. Lyndhurst t,
Darghan Street, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday - 10 August, St. John's Church
Recital.

DINING AT ANIELLOS.

Only two members braved the chilly night to dine out on Monday 23rd June. As we are experiencing a spell of quite cold evenings no further dates are being made at present.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1986/87

Sincere thanks to the many members who have renewed their membership from 1st July 1986 so promptly. If you have not yet sent in your pink forms or money, please do so now. Remember you are not eligible to vote at the A.G.M. if your membership is not current. Also, members who do not renew their subscription promptly will be removed from the mailing list, as we can't distinguish between procrastinators and people who have lost interest in the Society. Of course this does not apply to those who joined the society since April 1986 or who receive complimentary Bulletins.

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