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## Reminder notice!

If you have not yet renewed your subscription to the Glebe Society you will find a reminder notice in this copy of the Bulletin. If you have any queries, or doubts about the accuracy of our records, please contact Edwina Doe on 660 7066 (H)

If you do not renew promptly, this will be your last copy of The Glebe Society Bulletin!

## Cleanliness of Glebe

As mentioned in the Vice-President's report in the last edition of the Bulletin, the cleanliness of Glebe has been one of the recurring issues that the Glebe Society has been concerned about. Showing that the present committee is following this tradition, a letter was sent from the Society to Council, earlier this year, raising a number of issues about the cleanliness of Glebe.

A response was received from Council, dated 4 August, and the main points raised are noted below.

- Free garbage bins will be issued by Council to premises under the control of the Department of Housing in the Bishopthorpe area of Glebe.
- The lanes in the area are being serviced regularly, with dumps being removed twice weekly in addition to the normal bi-weekly garbage service.
- Ordinance Inspectors will be issuing on the spot fines where appropriate, and when sufficient evidence is available.

Council also responded to specific suggestions made by the Glebe Society. These included:

- Boyce Lane and Reuss Street will be serviced twice weekly by a dump unit in addition to normal weekly sweeping and bi-weekly garbage service.

- New brochures are being prepared regarding recycling and notices will be issued in the Leichhardt Leader in this regard.

- Green Waste is now being collected at the week end tip. This material is transported to Australian Native Landscapes where it is added to sewerage sludge for fertiliser.

## Aircraft and Glebe.

The Glebe Society's submission on the Draft Noise & Air Quality Management Plans (third runway) demanded more than the minimum suggested by the Federal Airports Corporation for community relief and/or compensation regarding aircraft noise. Points mentioned in the submission include the following:

- Legislate and increase the curfew
- independently administrate compensation and attenuation measures
- polluter pays
- "House of Representatives Select Committee on Aircraft Noise" 1968-70 pronouncements require up-dating
- bind current and future airport owner/operators to a legal contract on noise and air quality management
- use "noise impact" descriptors to capture people's daily experiences of aircraft noise
- measure Glebe's ambient noise
- offer to acquire 500 homes or more (not just 112) to meet government standards that 35 ANEF and above is virtually uninhabitable - but 10,000 Sydney homes from Drummoyne to Sydenham are classed as having unacceptable or worse exposure to aircraft noise if Civil Aviation Authority advice that 25 ANEF is unacceptable is followed to the letter
- insulate homes from 20 ANEF, not 25 ANEF as suggested in the Plans
- keep the insulation program open-ended because of changes over time
- insulate where noise is a hardship or is suffered in excess of set standards
- get the promised health study going, in conjunction with the air quality/pollution

information

- insulate schools in 20 ANEF and upwards, not just 30 ANEF as the Plans suggest - same for health facilities
- deal with existing buildings as well as new buildings
- include particulate matter in pollution measures
- use inner-city air measures when referring to the airport (not Sydney Basin measures as suggested in the Management Plans)
- close the airport temporarily if air pollution reaches very dangerous levels at any time.

The Society then wrote to several Federal MPs and Senator Faulkner, Minister for Environment, asking that Cabinet ensures generous, comprehensive reparation for the community

**Alison McKeown.**

## **Report from Council**

This is my final report for 1994, and I will keep it as brief as possible. Please ring me on 660 0208 if you wish to discuss any matter, whether I mention it in my report or not.

I think the widespread perception that Council is promising much more than it delivers is accurate. This is partly due to a lack of focus, priorities and leadership. My main effort has been to ensure that Council's performance is improved, especially as far as Glebe is concerned.

### **The Broad Canvas**

I have just returned from the NSW Local Government Conference held at Leura, where there was an emphasis on environmental issues and on regional development (Think Locally, Compete Globally). Leichhardt Municipality will probably be combining with other inner city areas to ensure residents have some say in the lead up to the Olympics.

Recently I have been involved in the drawing up of Leichhardt's first Cultural Plan, and the first stages of a Transport Strategy for the entire Municipality.

### **Cleanliness**

After two years of effort, I was relieved to note that the latest copy of *The Glebe* was banded before delivery, thus reducing street litter. There has been some improvement in street cleanliness, and I am taking measures on the Glebe Estate which I believe will result in further improvement. However, there is still along way to go. Owing to water restrictions,

Council's water truck will not operate after November 1.

I managed to persuade Council to fund further research by Sydney University on lead contamination in Glebe.

### **Heritage**

The rebuilding and extension of University Hall is almost complete, and a plan for the Jubilee Fountain in the forecourt, similar to that drawn up by Craig Burton, has been devised. We will soon have a splendid gateway to Glebe.

Work has also begun on the restoration of Reussdale (next to The Abbey Restaurant).

Depredations continue on shops in Glebe Point Road, despite Council's efforts. Please continue to report transgressions.

### **Trees and Glebe Point Road**

On October 18 Council carried my motion to revive the Glebe Point Road Project and commission a streetscape plan to include new pavement, street furniture and appropriate trees. I will let members know when a date is set for this meeting, as all interested Glebe residents are invited to join.

### **Development**

There is a tendency to squeeze as many town houses as possible onto sites that have been vacant or underutilised. There are currently five such developments proposed, ranging from a half-dozen on a recycled industrial site to eighty plus on the Woolworths warehouse site in Hereford Street. All of them require careful handling because of their potential to impact adversely on nearby residents.

A masterplan is now being advertised for the Leon Fink (Hardy's Timber Yard) site at 461-5 Glebe Point Road. It has commercial development down to the water, and is problematical because of its lack of fire-safety and parking, poor appearance and lack of waterfront access.

### **Harold Park**

On September 13, Council approved part of an application to extend Harold Park racetrack. There is no pressure on Harold Park to increase patronage because the money is a grant from the Racecourse Development Fund.

The major advantage will be to allow continuous access to the parking in the centre of the track from the Crescent, which will reduce traffic congestion and street parking. It is also an opportunity to relocate machinery that has been a problem for nearby residents, and open the racetrack for community use by

building an artificial turf hockey field (available to other sports during spring and summer) in the centre.

The main disadvantage is the intrusiveness and height of the extended track. Here again, careful design is necessary to produce an acceptable result.

### **Seasons Greetings**

Once again I thank members of The Society for their multitalented assistance to Council. The Society is not replaceable: its long and thoughtful history, extensive records, committed executive, strong structure and social bonding mean it is invaluable in every aspect of Council work, and far beyond it. May you all enjoy the future you have helped to make.

**Neil Macindoe**

### **Tranby**

This college for Aboriginal students and others, run by Aborigines, has operated in Mansfield Street since 1958, expanding its activities to the adjacent property, Minamurra, in 1988. As is the case with NAISDA, the Aboriginal Dance Company operating in St James Hall, Bridge Road, Tranby has adapted buildings of varying suitability for educational purposes, and like NAISDA, has a high reputation with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

In April, without previous consultation with residents, Tranby's architect submitted a proposal that removed some unsightly buildings at the rear of the site, and replaced them with modern, purpose designed classrooms and other facilities. Not surprisingly, there was considerable reaction from local residents. The main concerns are:

### **Heritage and Streetscape**

The new buildings involve the demolition of all structures at the rear. Some of these are unsightly additions, and some are parts of the original buildings. Tranby itself is protected by a Permanent Conservation Order, and the Heritage Council requires the recording of the original sections before demolition. The National Trust has expressed some concern about the compatibility of the new buildings with the traditional ones. In response, the architect has set back and reduced the height of the new building, which is more visible from Boyce Street and Bell Lane than from Mansfield Street.

### **Level of Usage**

This is a confusing and contentious issue. The new classrooms permit a total student capacity of 120. Staff are proposed to number thirty. However, as is often the case with educational institutions of this kind and at this level, enrolments do not necessarily reflect actual attendance. Further data is being sought, and the level of usage in the evenings and at weekends is also being queried.

### **Overshadowing**

One neighbour is affected, and has lodged an objection on the grounds of loss of morning sun.

### **The current situation**

A mediation was held on 26 July. The proposal came before a Special Meeting of Council on 20 October, and was deferred for a Works Inspection at 11:30am on October 29. The application will then be determined at a further special meeting on November 8 at 6 pm in Leichhardt Town Hall.

### **Cocktail Party at Parliament House**

Sandra Nori is hosting a Cocktail Party at Parliament House, Macquarie Street on Wednesday 16 November, from 6:00 pm till 8:30 pm, and invites all Glebe residents. All proceeds will go towards buying back the Homeopathic Hospital Site for use as a Library for Glebe.

Sandra will be taking small groups on a personal tour of Parliament House.

Cost is \$25 per person. Please ring Tanny Iverach on 660 3559, or Chris Newton on 660 8349, to book.

### **Inspection of Historic Glebe - Minders wanted - URGENT**

Further volunteers are needed to be in attendance at the homes and public buildings which will be open for inspection on Sunday 6 November. Volunteers may choose either the morning or afternoon shift, that is, either 10:00am - 1:00pm or 2:00pm - 5:00pm. They will be rewarded with a free ticket to the Inspection.

If you could assist with this very worthwhile activity, please ring Betty Wright on 660 1875



THE GLEBE SOCIETY INC.

invites you to the eleventh

# Inspection of Historic Glebe

For just \$15 per person (\$8 concession)  
you will view a varied selection of the  
significant buildings and homes in Glebe.

Your ticket includes a self guided tour  
with descriptions of the fifteen  
buildings and homes which will be  
open for your inspection. Refreshments  
will be available at various locations  
along the route. So come  
and enjoy a relaxed day  
from 10 am onwards

Sunday 6th November 1994

Tickets available on the day from:  
"Hereford House"  
NSW College of Nursing  
53 Hereford Street, Glebe

Enquiries: Cynthia Jones Ph: 6602451  
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All residents of Glebe and their friends are invited to attend the

## **1994 GLEBE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Four concerts November 6, 17 and 27**

### **ORGAN RECITAL**

*3.30 pm Sunday 6th November 1994, St John's Church, cnr St John's and Glebe Point Roads. Donations to organ restoration appeal.*

### **ACAPPELLA CHOIR - "CAFE OF THE GATE OF SALVATION"**

*5.30 pm Sunday 6th November 1994, Darling Mills Restaurant, 134 Glebe Point Road (opposite the Post Office)*

**Tickets (\$20, \$15 for students and pensioners - including drinks and snacks) may be purchased at the door or in advance by telephoning 692 2451 or 660 2194.**

### **ACAPPELLA CHOIR - "INNOMINATA"**

*6.30 pm Thursday 17th November 1994, Gleebooks, 19 Glebe Point Road (opposite Glebe Public School)*

**Tickets (\$20, \$15 for students and pensioners - including drinks and snacks) may be purchased at the door or in advance by telephoning 692 2451 or 660 2194.**

### **THE GLEBE SOCIETY'S 25TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT**

*3.00 pm Sunday 27th November 1994, St Scholastica's Chapel, cnr Avenue and Arcadia Roads, Glebe*

**This free concert is a gift to the people of Glebe from the Glebe Society to mark its 25th Anniversary, and will feature the choir of Christ Church St Laurence and the girls from St Scholastica's School.**



## For Your Diary

Sunday 6 November - Inspection of Historic Glebe

Sunday 6 November - 3:30 pm - organ recital, St John's Church, Glebe  
5:30 pm - Cafe of the Gate of Salvation performing at Darling Mills Restaurant, 134 Glebe Point Road

Wednesday 16 November - 6:00 - 8:30 pm - Cocktail Party at Parliament House, hosted by Sandra Nori, in support of the Glebe Library Fighting Fund. To book, ring 660 3559 or 660 8349.

Thursday 17 November - 6:30pm - "Innominata" acappella group performing at Glebebooks, 19 Glebe Point Rd

Sunday 27 November - 3:00pm - free public concert in St Scholastica's Chapel, cnr Avenue and Arcadia Roads, Glebe

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### Membership of The Glebe Society

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