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Glebe Goes on Show

Residents and local businesses in Glebe announced recently the inaugural Glebe Show to be held at Harold Park Raceway on Sunday, May 28 from 10am - 8pm. Harold Park will be transformed for the day into a bustling, absorbing carnival with over 200 market and craft stalls, environmental displays, a live concert concluding with fireworks, dog show, fine food and wine, carnival rides and sideshow attractions.

The Glebe Show is being staged to assist Leichhardt Council in raising funds to buy back the historic Homoeopathic Hospital site on the corner of Glebe Point and Wigram Roads for community use.

Glebe Show co-ordinator and Resident Group member, Tanny Iverach said "In 1989 the State Department of Health closed the Homoeopathic Hospital and seized six million held in trust that was to extend and renew the hospital. Many suggestions have been made for this site, including a women's prison that was rejected by council at the end of last year. The site belongs to the community and if we, the residents and local business people can help to raise some of the necessary funds for a community library and park facilities, then that is what we will do. Everyone involved is donating their time and so far the support has been overwhelming."

The Glebe Show will feature a full day's program of activities including an open air concert from 11am - 8pm, concluding with fireworks. Co-ordinator for The Glebe Show concert, NSW State Manager for Ausmusic, Marcella McAdam, said "We are approaching all sorts of performers on the basis that they donate their time to a worthwhile cause. We plan to have a

concert that will appeal to the young, the teens and the parents. It will be a day for all the family."

Glebe cafes and restaurants, renowned for their diversity in food, will serve up a storm along the proposed "Eat St" section at the show. Darling Mills proprietor and show committee member Sarah Adey said "Eat St" will showcase the best food and wines Glebe has to offer. "It will be a slightly up-market section of the show with a sophisticated feel about it," she said. "We will create an atmosphere of a winery so people can sample foods and wines that complement each other." "Eat St" will feature about sixteen food stalls and four wine outlets with cafe-style eating available.

Glebe is renowned for being a community who love their pets. Local veterinarian, Tony Sheldon, has the penultimate challenge for canine lovers. A dog and owner obstacle race, or for the more fashion conscious dog owners, there will be a dog and owner dress alike fashion parade.

A display of over 150 market and craft stalls plus environmental displays and lots lots more will ensure The Glebe Show is a day for all the family. Entry is free.



"The Glebe Show will be held at Harold Park Paceway on Sunday 28 May, from 10am-5pm"

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Moved to Verse by Aircraft Noise

Beneath the Slipstream

Apollo's steeds have fled the evening sky
and livelier seems the flight path now
swung wonderfully low,
measureless the spreading waves of sound
that bring all thought and talk to halt
and later seep through dreams
that turn to nightmares
where every window's manned,
from each the blast of ack-ack fire
to send the zooming monsters higher
or down them in the general doom.

Leith Gillman © 1994

*Glebe Society
member Leith
Gillman shares
with us her
verses on living
under the
flightpath*

Volunteers Needed

The Glebe Show (see page one article) will be a major event, which The Glebe Society supports as part of the efforts to secure the site of the Homoeopathic Hospital for a new library. The Society will have a stall at the Show, and volunteers are needed to assist on the day - May 28th.

If you would be able to give some time on that day, please contact Alison McKeown, Ph: 660 3917.

If you would like to help more generally with The Glebe Show, contact Tanny Iverach through Neil Clugston Organisation, on 552 3277

Aircraft and Glebe

Third Runway - the "Merchant Airforce" at work in Syney

The Glebe Society organised two leaflet distributions late in March. Households on the western side of Glebe received a warning of more aircraft closer to and over Glebe brought about by commissioning the third runway. People living on Glebe's eastern side received a leaflet about the proposed heliport at Pyrmont. Thank you to leafletters who walked the streets for the cause.

Eric and Shirley Graham (of G.W. Graham & Co. Printers, Marrickville), members of the Society, made a donation of aircraft and heliport leaflet paper and printing costs. This gift is a major contribution to the campaign and to the well-being of Glebe. The Society wishes to express its thanks to the Grahams.

Leichhardt Council has established a residents' working party to assist in the third runway campaign. Helpers are needed- the work is not difficult and it needs to be done. Please contact Bill Dunbar, tel 367 9111.

Senate Inquiry

The Senate Inquiry, advertised on 1/5/95, is the next opportunity to register protest against the third runway and call for, yet again, viable and equitable solutions to Sydney's airport problems. The Inquiry has the power to subpoena witnesses (excluding Ministers) and to gain access to government documents relating to airport issues. Your personal testimony will convey to Senators on the Committee the impact the third runway is having on inner Sydney. It is vital that many submissions are sent; please ask friends and neighbours to write.

The society hopes to make a submission. We will need to look over old documents and re-visit the facts quickly, to meet the deadline on 12th May, 1995.

Submissions should be addressed to :
The Secretary,
Senate Select Committee on Aircraft Noise
in Sydney,
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT 2600

Some pointers:

- Why did former Environment Minister Ros Kelly refuse to hold an inquiry into the EIS despite 300 calls from the community who were disgusted with the document?
- Why are there more take-offs to the north than the EIS stated?
- Why didn't the EIS discuss in detail the fact that the third runway would be built suitable to become a wharf?
- Why did the third runway proceed although a satisfactory economic analysis had never been forthcoming?
- Why did the FAC stick to 3% annual passenger growth rate at Kingsfork Smith Airport when 4% and more was happening?
- Baseline studies on health issues were not done before the runway was built. Why were they not done?
- Why aren't Australian standards for insulating against aircraft noise being adhered to under the flight path? Why has the government failed to ensure insulation occurs in the 25 and 20 ANEF zones?
- Councils had the EIS professionally examined and found it deficient in many respects, particularly in meeting the guideline to examine the runway against prudent and feasible alternatives. As the EIS did not provide a satisfactory basis for the runway to proceed and the community said so, why did the Federal Labor Government proceed with it?
- You may have personal comments on health aspects and aircraft noise that you wish to make.

If, in your submission, you ask for the east-west runway to be re-opened, state firmly that there must be a limit on the number of aircraft allowed in and a 'noise cap' placed on airport operations.

What comments would you like to make about KSA's future?

It is hoped that Leichhardt Council will hold a public meeting to assist residents with their submissions to the inquiry.

Alison McKeown, Convenor

Glebe High School

We wish to apologise for and correct an error in the previous Bulletin that Society members made a generous donation to Glebe High School's professional landscaping consultation project. The article intended to acknowledge a private and generous donation from two Glebe residents who are also members of the Society. The school is grateful and delighted to have received this support.

Meanwhile, Glebe High School's Parents & Citizens Association wrote to the Glebe Society, seeking financial assistance for the project. The management committee approved a donation of \$200. We look forward to news of the project some time in the near future.

Alison McKeown

Good Wishes, Peter

Peter Strickland and partner Angela Beagley moved from Glebe earlier this year to embark on a new venture in Victoria. They have found a beautifully restored Federation house in the historic township of Port Fairy, on the ruggedly scenic coastline of south west Victoria's "Shipwreck Coast", and plan to open it as a small guest house, with country style hospitality.

Peter was President of the Glebe Society in 1988 and 1989 and has worked on the Management Committee ever since, as past President, as Planning Convenor, and as just plain hardworking committee member. He was invited to become a member of the advisory committee looking at the redevelopment of Pyrmont/Ultimo peninsula, and has also been active with other groups and committees concerned with local planning and conservation issues.

We shall miss his contribution, input and experience, but wish him and Angela every success in their enterprise. Any members planning a visit to their part of Victoria are invited to give them a call, and maybe even try "Kingsley" Guest House for a day or two's stay. (Telephone (055) 68 1269).

Jeanette Knox

Report from Council

The next few years will be particularly important ones for Glebe, as many initiatives, most of them emanating from The Society, come to fruition. As a result of the State Election of 25 March there is also a new State Government, which, we may reasonably hope, will be more sympathetic to the problems of the inner city, and a State member who has increased her majority and been promoted to Parliamentary Secretary for Health.

There are also Local Government elections this year, on Saturday, 9 September, and at this stage, and considering the crisis surrounding Leichhardt Council, I believe my contribution is even more vital than previously: so if my family is prepared to tolerate it, I will stand again.

Adaptive re-use of Grace Bros

Council organised a joint meeting of the Glebe precincts on Saturday, 8 April to discuss the proposals, and about 100 persons participated. The short notice was unfortunate, but the proximity of Easter made a later date impractical. Once the development application has been lodged, probably later in April, all residents will be invited to comment in writing. Until then, members wishing to express their views can contact the developers' Community Liaison Officer, Chris Alston, on 262 6886, fax 262 6883 during regular office hours.

The proposal involves more than 100 000 m² of floor space, spread over seven buildings ranging between one and seven stories. However, there are only two sites where development is not within the building envelope. If it were not for this fact, it would be in appearance, as it is in reality, the most significant single proposal ever in Leichhardt Municipality.

The development will include a major supermarket and clothing department store, and a substantial dedication of open space adjacent to Glebe Point Road. Apart from this, the issues are so large and complex as to require a separate and lengthy article.

The Bays

The State Government released its future

port strategy on 14 March. Port Jackson will continue to operate on a more limited scale, as well as Port Botany. Glebe Island and White Bay will handle bulk cargoes using existing goods rail. Darling Harbour will handle mixed freight.

Discussions with the Light Rail consortium have made it clear freight movements are consistent with a passenger service. The waterfront industrial sites near the Fishmarket now become redundant, although Pioneer Concrete retains a lease until the beginning of next century when it will move to White Bay.

Council has already adopted a policy of tolerating, or in the case of rowing, encouraging existing uses, and will continue to monitor the situation and seek improved access to the foreshore.

I have had discussions with the Secretary of SU Womens' Sports Union, Anne Williams, the new owners of the Rowing Club site. At my suggestion she is investigating public access via a restaurant open for lunch and dinner six days a week and a coffee shop at other times.

There is a proposal for another Rowing Club on adjacent Glebe High School land. This would give access for both community and school rowers. It will come before Council in the usual way.

Blackwattle Bay Park

Council has constructed a wooden set of stairs down the cliff face to provide access to the foreshore from the Oxley Street section of the park easier. The upper sections of the park will also be linked by steps.

Jubilee Park

Council is currently installing a new set of play equipment near that which exists.

Boston Barrier and the Ancient Briton

The barrier in Glebe Point Road near the intersection with Bridge Road has been reduced in height, and will be coated with anti-graffiti paint. It is not possible to remove it altogether as the beer cellars (life blood of the nation!) tend to flood.

Hardys Timber Yard, 461-5 Glebe Pt Rd

Council is making renewed efforts to gain



access to the waterfront throughout this site, and seeking an acceptable, overall use for the site.

Bellevue

Council has resolved to seek a development with a lesser impact than the proposed small restaurant, and has also called for an assessment of traffic impacts. There has been no response so far from the current lessee.

Jubilee Fountain

By the time this report appears, contracts should have been let for the joining of the existing island to the footpath in a landscaped, paved setting for the fountain and other heritage items.

Street Trees

I am in the process of having all vacant spots where street trees have died replanted, and also having trees planted in areas such as the footpaths of Parramatta Road where no excavation is required. Please let me know if there is an unfilled tree space near you.

I'm sorry if this report seems rather long, but it is some months since I reported, and there is a lot happening at the moment.

Cr Neil Macindoe

The view expressed in the Report from Council are those of Councillor Macindoe, and not necessarily those of The Glebe Society.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What has happened to the Glebe Society? For social activities we are reduced to collecting corks for recycling! Is there no other alternative? Where are the Happy Hours, dinners, picnics etc we used to enjoy as members? All gone alas and long time members of the Society wonder why. The sub-committees are doing an excellent job as we all appreciate but the heart of the Society used to be the people of Glebe - not just a few people dedicated to the various causes, important as they may be.

How can we attract new members if we don't have any social functions? This especially applies to the younger people of Glebe. I believe it is up to the President and his Committee to bring life back into the Glebe Society.

Sincerely,
Betty Wright

Note from the Committee

Committee members are also concerned by the falling off in social activities. The essence of the problem is that when nominations were called for at the AGM for a convenor and members for the Social Committee, there were no volunteers. We all recognise that Betty has done an excellent job in this role over several years, but it is time for other members to take up the challenge. Would someone, or perhaps a group of friends, like to volunteer, now that the need is sorely felt?

Please ring the President, David Browne (660 0865), Secretary, Jeanette Knox (660 7781), or any member of the Committee.

For Your Diary

Wednesday 17 May, 7:30pm: Management Committee meeting,
at Lyndhurst,

Sunday 28 May, 10am - 8pm: The Glebe Show, at Harold Park
Raceway

THE GLEBE SOCIETY inc. Management Committee	Convenors of Sub-Committees
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Membership of The Glebe Society Inc

Costs:	Ordinary	\$25	additional household members \$5 each
	Student/Pensioner	\$10	
	Institution	\$30	

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