

## Message from new President

It has been about 20 years since I served as secretary of the Glebe Society, and at least a full decade since I had a role on the Management Committee as a convener of a sub-committee. And oh what a change there's been! While the structures remain pretty much the same, the whole organisation seems much more professional, efficient and streamlined.

For this new look, I'm sure we have to thank all those committees in the intervening years, but my particular thanks goes to the immediate past committee led by **Bruce Davis** (a comparative new-comer when he undertook the president's role two years ago) who has created a happy, efficient management team through effective use of his considerable people skills.

He was blessed with a strong committee in total, but I think particular emphasis should be given to the support Bruce received from **Jeanette Knox** as vice-president (Jeanette knows all there is to know about Glebe and the Glebe Society in the last 30 years); from **Paddy McNeice** who has further refined the accounting procedures of The Society and worked with Bruce to refine the management; and from **Liz Simpson-Booker** who is an absolute dynamo as secretary – no matter what task she is given, it is performed instantly.

This is not to disparage the early committees or their work. Our needs were more immediate and our reactions, of necessity, more spontaneous. We were less experienced, rawer. But without the formation of The Glebe Society, Glebe would be a vastly different place today (witness the high-rise flats built before the creation of the Society).

Imagine Glebe split by a freeway; extractor chimneys where the library now stands; the Glebe Estate in the

hands of private developers; Lyndhurst demolished; a succession of draft Town Plans that would have allowed fine old houses in Glebe to be demolished and replaced by high-rise flats; Blackwattle Bay Park covered by flats four-storeys high; Bi-centennial Park covered by (non-waterfront) industrial buildings; a marina covering virtually all of Rozelle Bay.

While we don't have anything at the moment quite as pressing or dramatic as those issues outlined above, it is necessary that we remain alert for anything untoward that may be planned for Glebe.

More importantly, without major issues pressing we have the opportunity to be pro-active in the interests of Glebe. To this end, much of my first meeting with the new Management Committee was given over to convenors outlining their programs for the coming year. I'm happy to report that each convener has identified a clear direction for the year which you will hear about through our *Bulletin* in the coming months. The lean, mean organisation we have inherited from Bruce and his team should ensure all our goals are achieved.

An early task I have set myself is to renew my contact with other groups and institutions in Glebe and in the immediate surrounding locality. Some of the other local groups have ceased to function; some are less vibrant than they once were. In some instances new organisations have risen from the ashes of the old.

I believe it is in the interest of Glebe and The Glebe Society to work with these other groups in our mutual interest. To this end as an early task I will be consulting former groups involved with the Glebe Point Road Project as

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# From the Editor's Dungeon

This is my first edition of the *Bulletin* and it's late! Not a good start, particularly when I'm following in such large (metaphorically speaking) footsteps. Various circumstances conspired against me on this occasion and I aim to get things back on track for the next edition.

I haven't yet given much thought to how I should tackle

the task of editing the *Bulletin*, other than to maintain the high standards set by Bobbie Burke. However I might be tempted to be a reporter as well as an editor on occasions, as reporting was where I started my career (cadet journalist *Sydney Morning Herald* 1959). I am interested in hearing from members who have ideas for new features (or, heaven forbid!) have suggestions for changes to the current format.

Together with our Webmaster, Cynthia Jones, I will also work towards incorporating some of the material from the *Bulletin* into our Web site. This is particularly relevant where timing is important – we can bring you news on the Web immediately rather than waiting for a few weeks for the next *Bulletin*.

- Bruce Davis

## At last - "GPR Project" noticeboards for Glebe

One of the many initiatives of the heady days of The Glebe Point Road Project (see *Bulletin* 5/ 2001, pp 8-9) was a proposal to Council in 1990 for two noticeboards for Glebe. More than a decade later they have been constructed and are about to be installed.

These aren't just any noticeboards, with two poles and some planks in between. They are unique to Glebe, and were designed as a contribution to the Project by Peter Tonkin of (then) Tonkin Zulaikha Architects, who at the time was a Glebe resident and is currently working on additions to the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

As indicated in the sketch, the noticeboards are three-sided, with a classically-inspired pediment designed to harmonise with local Victorian architecture. These pediments project sufficiently to provide a degree of weather protection to the displays on the board.

The three sides are intended to contain different information:

- ✍ a general open pin-up to be cleared weekly or fortnightly;
- ✍ a locked glass door for more 'official' or statutory notices (a local person will hold a key); and
- ✍ a permanent map guide to Glebe.

Leichhardt Council consulted the Society on the best location for the new noticeboards. The first will shortly be erected in Minogue Reserve, and the second is likely to be located in the vicinity of the St Helen's-Benedi-Glebe Library complex provided a practical site which does not compromise the landscaping of the area can be identified.

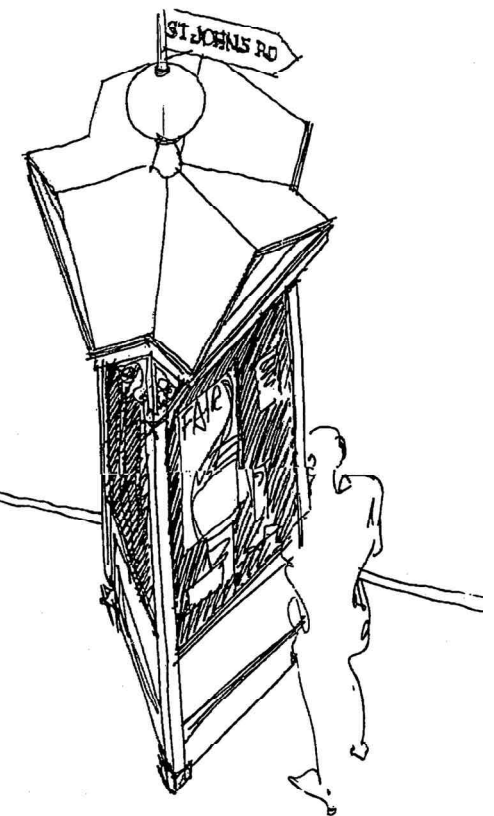
The initiative to erect the noticeboards was supported by the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and the Society.

We look forward to this innovative contribution to the streetscape – and more chances for local people to know more about what's happening in Glebe.

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to the status of their enterprise. Glebe Point Road is the heart of our suburb. It seems to me its vitality and health is a barometer for the well-being of Glebe as a whole. Its presentation is an invitation or a turn-off for visitors to our suburb.



I look forward to the challenges of the year ahead, and count my blessings that I inherit the responsibility for a Society in such good shape.

- John Buckingham

# Blackwattle Bay: Change may be on the way for “no-man’s-land”

The announcement of a plan to upgrade the Sydney Fish Market appears to indicate a new interest by State Government planners in the no-man’s-land that separates Glebe from the City.

Within days of the announcement by Deputy Premier and Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Dr Andrew Refshauge, an advertisement appeared inviting expressions of interest in leasing the refurbished Blackwattle Bay wharves bordering Pyrmont Bridge Road and the James Craig Road wharves in Rozelle Bay.

The third piece of the jigsaw is the formation of a Blackwattle Bay “reference group” by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA). The Society has asked for more information about this group which will meet for the first time on 10 October. It is possible that we may be invited to participate in its deliberations.

Dr Refshauge’s announced that a master plan would be prepared for the Fish Market which would result in it being “revitalised as a dynamic maritime, commercial, and recreational precinct”. “We want the master plan to preserve the traditional feel of the old waterfront and build on the Market’s strengths as Australia’s premier fish market,” he said.

The plan will incorporate retail outlets, particularly fresh food outlets that complement the fish market, and other commercial uses “such as educational facilities and tourism support services”. It is proposed that current car parking arrangements will be reorganised to free up waterfront land for public use such as foreshore promenades and parks.

The Glebe Society will be invited to participate in the community consul-

tation that forms part of the master planning process.

The redevelopment of the Fish Market will fill another gap in The Glebe Society’s aspirations for a harbourside path from Bi-Centennial Park to the City.

Another piece will be filled in when the Blackwattle Bay wharves come back to life. Expressions of interest have been invited for “a commercial maritime precinct providing berthing and onshore facilities for a mix of commercial, charter, and layover vessels.” A spokesperson for Waterways confirmed that commercial lessees would be required to include public access in their proposals, although where industrial activities were involved, access could be limited to daylight or working hours.

The removal of the Pioneer concrete batch plant is included in the Blackwattle Bay plan but no deadline has been set.

SHFA plans to lease the coal unloader from Waterways and

restore it for adaptive reuse, possibly retail, in association with the redevelopment of the Fish Market. Apparently the gantry that was unceremoniously removed some time ago is intact and will be restored.

The Blackwattle Bay reference group’s charter seems to include the foreshore of Blackwattle Bay and the hinterland as far south as William Henry Street, including Wentworth Park. If this is the case, it will mean that the area will be considered as a single precinct, raising the possibility of restoring the park and linking it to the waterfront.

Although the group is a “sounding board” rather than a decision-making authority, SHFA is ambitious and has some clout in State Government circles. Let’s hope that a plan emerges from this exercise that transforms the no-man’s-land on Glebe’s eastern boundary into a popular and beautiful recreational space for the populations of Glebe and Pyrmont/Ultimo.

- Bruce Davis

## The Path to Independence

Join us on Wednesday 21 November for a fascinating one hour presentation by Lynn Lovelock (Deputy Clerk of the NSW Legislative Council) who worked on a project in East Timor to assist in setting up the democratic process. Lynn is a resident of Glebe.

The focus of the presentation will be on East Timor following the 1999 referendum, comparing the struggle of the East Timorese people to establish the world’s newest democratic nation with the lead-up to Federation in Australia 100 years ago.

In comparing the two countries, the following issues in particular will be examined: colonial/transitional administration; early attempts to develop self-government; electing representatives; and adopting a national constitution.

Reservation details will be published in the next Bulletin.

**Wood Glen Café**

**Wednesday 7.30 pm- 8.30 pm, 21 November**

# Is graffiti "ghettoising" Glebe?

*In the August/September edition of the Bulletin we published proposals by the Glebe Area Tenants' Group on managing graffiti. For reasons of space, the following material explaining the considerations that led to the Group's conclusions could not be included.*

Like it or not – graffiti has made its indelible mark on society around the world. At the turn of the new century we have all experienced the transformation of graffiti, from scrawls on the wall to fully blown multi-colour murals. Murals of tags sprayed over trains and walls along railway lines, buildings and houses from New York to Sydney, even public housing areas in regional NSW. In inner city Sydney, it is fast becoming a challenge to find a street's walls that haven't been graffitied in some way.

A youth culture called Hip-Hop has emerged and – you'd better believe it – there is competition, if not 'wars' in the ranks. Examples of their sophisticated huge tags create a backdrop within the urban railways and walls around the inner city. Linking their way through the Internet, graffiti 'organisations/ crews' generously share their skills with photos of their work and code/ tag names on air for all to see. Sites and photos can be found on [www.graffiti.nsw.gov.au](http://www.graffiti.nsw.gov.au). 'Newtown Graffiti' is a prime example, and – be prepared – the graffiti crews or their students are constantly seeking new canvasses. You may wake up in the morning and find yourself staring at a free and colourful mural.

This article is from Glebe and it is interesting that a few years ago 'Fenix' from one of the well known Hip-Hop crews 'KOC' apparently worked with a local Youth Centre in Glebe on a website and ran the centre's shop 'Curb'. Inner city youth services provide an amazing range of activities for young people. Some of them run 'aerosol art'

workshops teaching kids the skills to create murals and beautifully designed (to some eyes) tags in rich colour combinations. But let's take the historic Glebe Estate as an example of a public housing area, which has been exposed, to graffitists and Hip Hop aerosol can painters.

To better formulate an approach to our small but effective 'Beating Graffiti Project', members of our tenant group first carried out a lot of research. From NSW Government Graffiti website links to the streets themselves. We sounded out a cross section of the public tenant/housing community who live in the area, most importantly some of the local youths.

During the last two months we have painted-over 32 walls, returning them to their original plain colour. We have left some of the huge graffiti 'panels'. It is a sensitive issue for some of the youths and the local authorities at this stage.

Our group has talked to a lot of residents and passers by and around 95% have volunteered positive feedback and gratitude. They've brought out refreshments on trays and chairs into the street for us, but of course they're concerned that we will have to do it all over again and again, to keep it under control.

However two months later, very few walls have had to be repaired again.



It's interesting that the Hip Hop panels now spread throughout Glebe are nearly all by the same 'crew', most of whom don't live in the area. Their work is after the style of graffiti writers overseas and is considered by many as a serious art form.

The 'panels' are mostly compositions of abstract interlocking letters sometimes identifying the graffitist him/herself. No doubt it is of relevance when it comes to one aspect of youth culture and art, but the residents in short, say why not dedicate specific walls or urban areas to the group/s and keep it 'out of our faces' – away from the streets of this historic and socially sensitive neighbourhood. Here's an attempt to summarise a response to some general questions, which arise from our experience so far:

How does Graffiti impact upon this community?

Residents here are proud to live in the Glebe Estate, particularly as it is a Heritage Conservation area. However, they appear distressed by graffiti and uninvited Hip Hop panels, which are totally out of character with the streetscape. They don't mind the idea of the occasional colourful mural but seem to prefer something a tad more conservative that's picturesque and relates to the general community. Overall, a common perception is that the proliferation of graffiti in all its forms is 'ghettoising' Glebe. It feels unsafe. *It's beginning to feel like The Bronx*, has often been said.

Most public housing residents in the area don't use cars. They walk through the streets, as there is no public transport into the Estate. Some residents, loaded with shopping bags – even the disabled – do a circuit to avoid the central area where most of the heavy graffiti is, and one or two groups of youths hang out.

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The Glebe Estate has been identified as one of the hot-spots for crime and drugs, and public housing residents are directly affected by the anti-social behaviour arising from the area. The new Police Area Commander at our group's July meeting agreed that graffiti can often be linked to drugs and crime, and talked about a new approach to crime in the area. That is not to say that all graffitiists or youths are gangsters and druggies. They are not.

However, some youths who 'hang out' in these spaces and do graffiti are basically 'marking their territory' with identifiable code names as graffiti tags, large or small, texta markers or spray paint. They have a need to identify with territory around their homes, and graffitied walls, even if done by others, feel comfortable to them.

Graffiti tags/panels/murals, whatever the medium, are as important to a lot of youths associating in the street, as are posters in their bedroom, music for their break dancing etc., trendy clothing and hair styles amongst their peers. Or to others, butter with toast. The trouble is that youths, although important, are a small minority and most other residents feel uncomfortable with uninvited tags invading the streets around their homes.

What about other local artistic residents who would like to paint murals on walls? What's the point of having legislation to protect the historic charm of a housing estate such as Glebe which is unique in the whole of Sydney? What happens to the rights of the silent majority in the community? Not silenced by lack of interest, but silenced for fear of intimidation and violent reprisal? If doing graffiti murals prevents crime, what happens between graffiti jobs? Or indeed when they run out of aerosol or approved wall spaces? But will legal walls satisfy the graffitiists?

- Lyndal Evatt - President (2000/1)  
Glebe Area Tenants Group

## Planning report

# The changing face of Glebe

### Glebe suburb profile

On 13 September, Council's Planning Committee recommended the suburb profile for Glebe go on exhibition. This is the document that contains special controls for development specifically in Glebe. I have seen the draft, and although it is designed to conserve the area and support the Town Plan it does not contain any very radical changes. Normally I would expect this to be ratified at the Ordinary Meeting on 25 September, and that the exhibition period will be for 28 days from the second week in October. I expect the exhibition will be in Glebe Library. Within the exhibition period there will be a public workshop on an evening to be announced. The Society encourages members to attend this workshop, and has asked for extra copies of the profile to distribute to interested members. Please ring me on 9660 0208 if you would like to attend.

### Fletchers design competition

The five schemes submitted in response to the design competition held by Leichhardt Council for redevelopment of the Fletchers container site and associated land at the bottom of Forsyth Street, together with the report of the judges, were placed on exhibition in the Glebe Library for public comment on 26 September and will remain until 10 October. Council anticipates a formal DA will be lodged by the end of the year.

The ownership of the site is quite complex, and advertisements for consolidating various bits and pieces have been appearing over recent months.

### Old Glebe Island Bridge

There will be a further meeting to discuss the future of the bridge later in September. The RTA has still not released the Conservation Plan, which makes a strong case for keeping the bridge. Apart from its considerable heritage value, the

bridge would be valuable for local access to Pyrmont, a possible light rail link to Balmain and Rozelle, and a link between the City and the White Bay Power Station site, the future use of which has yet to be determined.

### Compliance

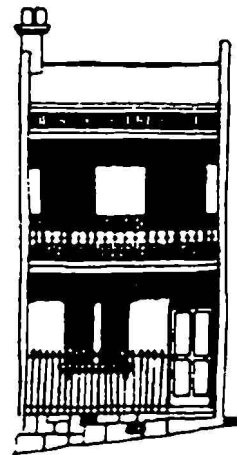
Council is undertaking various prosecutions for unauthorised work, such as the installation

of metal shutters and aluminium shopfronts. The results of these court actions will probably not be known until November.

### Objection lodged

The Society has objected to the proposal of the Gottenham Inn (formerly Burton Family Hotel) to use the adjoining terrace at 55 St Johns Road as a gaming room. The terrace has till now been used for storage.

- Neil Macindoe



## Ticky tacky boxes

Grey boxes in Glebe and in the City – they just don't look the same

Why is it that the grey boxes containing the electronics for the traffic lights are full of graffiti and posters in Glebe, but spotless in the City. The RTA owns them and the RTA is supposed to maintain and clean them. Similarly, street objects owned, for example, by Telstra, Australia Post and Energy Australia tend to be clean in the City and grotty in Glebe. Sydney City Council assured me on the telephone that they are not cleaning these objects and that they were entirely the responsibility of their respective owners. So either people in Glebe have a significantly greater potential to vandalise (which I doubt), or the organisations owning the objects feel that maintenance in the City is more important than in Glebe. I wrote letters to several organisations inquiring about their current cleaning policy and asking them to maintain their property in Glebe at a level similar to that in the City.

### Thanks Colin

The Society wants to acknowledge the effort of Colin Bentley, the Council worker who can be seen every day sweeping Glebe Point Road. Since he took over the cleaning of our main street it looks much better. Thank you Colin, you are doing a terrific job. If all of us showed the same responsibility, Glebe would look much more attractive.

- **Horst Schwarz**  
**Clean up Glebe Project Team**

## A minor victory?

Members may have noticed that a large number of telegraph/power poles have been pasted with blue posters saying "let your taste decide" (or something similar) They had the Pepsi Cola logo on them so recently a member rang Pepsi and, after getting shuttled from one person to another finally got someone who said they would investigate and ring back.

"I did not hear anything so today I got on the phone again and after a lot of persistence got through to somebody who cared," our member reports. "They rang back, said the whole thing was a terrible mistake by their advertising agency and that the posters would be removed immediately, and that they apologised to the people of Glebe for their mistake."

Let's wait and see if the posters go before we celebrate.

## TGSI takes to the street



Marianne von Knobelsdorff (left) and Christine Whitemore took the Glebe Society to the people one Saturday recently when they held a stall outside Bidura. They distributed numerous membership forms and litter fax back sheets, and reported a very positive reaction to the Society's work.

## Dogs on the loose

The Glebe Society has asked Leichhardt Council to reconsider its draft policy on the possible extension of or additions to off-leash dog exercise areas.

In its submission the society recognises the importance of dogs as companion animals and the need for appropriate exercise areas in a suburb with pocket handkerchief backyards.

However it states that "parks should be for everybody, not just for a minority with their dogs." The submission raises several specific problems it foresees if areas where dogs are allowed to exercise off-leash are extended. These include danger to children and the fact that even friendly dogs can frighten people or be a nuisance.

The Society recommends that current off-leash exercise areas not be changed, and that council should enforce its on-leash rules in areas currently designated as such and also its "No Dogs" prohibitions.

The submission draws particular attention to the need to maintain the "unique tranquil quality" of Blackwattle Park.

## History sought on Federal Road 'Allen Truss' Bridge

Leichhardt Council plans to place an interpretive plaque near the reconstructed Federal Road bridge (the "Allen Truss bridge") in Bicentennial Park. Vince Cusumano (phone 9367 9222) would be grateful if anyone who has information on the history of the bridge that would be useful in preparing this plaque would get in touch with him.

# A dinner fit for for Centurions

Record Reign Hall was an ideal venue for the successful Federation Dinner and Fund raising auction held on 22 September. The hall was decked in waratahs, gum leaves and red and gold decorations. The 85 attendees enjoyed pre-dinner music performed by a trio from the Conservatorium High School. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner which was inspired by the 1901 celebrations in a candle lit atmosphere. All the auction items were skillfully sold by Derrick MacRae, who donated his services. The evening concluded with 25 brain teasing questions on Federation and the winning table took home waratahs and a collection of 1901 Federation memorabilia.

The organising committee and their willing helpers deserve the highest accolades for treating us to a very special evening which truly celebrated 100 years of Federation. Funds raised will be go towards providing local schools with resources on Federation, and will contribute to the Society's work on key projects such as the foreshore walk.

A special thanks to those who made the night successful by taking part in the auction and purchasing items. Many thanks also to the local businesses, members and residents listed below who generously donated items for the auction.

- Judy Vergison



**Above:** Derrick MacRae demonstrates his skill in persuading members and friends to recognise the value of the many items auctioned at the Federation Dinner.

**Left:** Given the size of Libby Hindmarsh's (left) successful bid it's no wonder that Treasurer Paddy McNeice has a smile on his face.



**Above:** Auctioneer's eye view. **Right** Peter Pockley



## Businesses

Sara Adey, Darling Mill Restaurant 134 Glebe Point Rd Glebe 9660 5666  
 Paddy McNeice & Gail Pratt, Glebe Bed & Breakfast 192 St Johns Rd Glebe 9552 6656  
 Drs Libby & Ross Hindmarsh, 71 Glebe Pt Rd Glebe 9660 8399  
 Marianne von Knobelsdorff, Glebe 9692 0916  
 Chris Kiely, Valhalla Cinema Glebe Point Rd Glebe  
 Doyle's Physiotherapy, 216 Glebe Pt Rd Glebe 9660 1177  
 Chris Korgemets, Glebe 9660 6983  
 Shaughn Murphy, Toxteth Hotel 345 Glebe Pt Rd Glebe 9660 2370  
 Roger Mackell, Gleebooks 49 & 191 Glebe Pt Rd Glebe 9660 2333

Roxbury Hotel, 182 St Johns Rd Glebe 9692 0822  
 The Mixing Pot Restaurant, 178 St Johns Rd Glebe 96607449  
 Forest Lodge Hotel, 117 Arundel St Forest Lodge 9660 1872  
 Florilegium, 145 St Johns Rd Glebe 9571 8222  
 Lynne Davis, Counsellor St Johns Rd Glebe 0416 013 773  
 Partners Hair Workshop, 194 St Johns Rd Glebe 9552 3293  
 Margaret McPhee & Derek Barton, Glebe <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~mcpbart/> 9660 8461  
 AAPT, Ross St Glebe

Special thanks to Derrick MacRae of Derrick MacRae Estate Agents 325 Glebe

Pt Rd Glebe 9552 6233 for providing his services as the auctioneer for the evening.

## Members, Friends & Residents

Christine Whittemore  
 Andrew Craig  
 Roberta Johnston  
 Judy Vergison  
 Jeanette Knox  
 Max Solling  
 Bruce Davis  
 Philip Vergison  
 Christine Stewart  
 Steve Stewart & The Lombardians  
 Margot Paterson  
 Alison McKeown  
 Steve Jackson  
 Megan Jordan-Jones

## A personal commentary

# Victoria and other parks

Members who venture into Glebe Point Road may have seen me trailing my towel returning from a swim in the Olympic Pool in Victoria Park, just across Parramatta Road opposite University Hall. It is a popular pool with Glebe Society members, and I meet several of them there regularly. However, from the conversation I have had in the street it is clear many people are still unaware of its attractions.

Victoria Park Pool is a full fifty metre pool heated throughout the winter. There is also a children's pool, but this is open during warmer weather only. Victoria Park is cheap: at \$3 it is \$ 1:80 cheaper than Leichhardt Aquatic Centre, and has a large, sunny café with better food and service than Leichhardt, a crèche and a gym. For a regular swimmer with a season ticket like myself it is even cheaper: about half price. However, it lacks a covered pool. For those who prefer swimming inside, the University pool is not far off City Road.

Perhaps its greatest attraction to me is its location within walking distance in the midst of a beautiful park that over the past few years has been steadily improved by South Sydney Council. For a resident of Leichhardt, Victoria Park is a real eye-opener. It has a large duck pond with a fountain (quite unknown in Leichhardt) with a variety of duck species and moorhens, often with fluffy little young paddling furiously after their mothers.

There are extensive beds of flowers that bloom in season around the lake and along all the major paths (flowers disappeared many years ago from Glebe's parks and from most others in Leichhardt Municipality). The garden beds are regularly weeded and replanted, as well as automatically watered. Because the flowerbeds, paths, grass and trees are well maintained there is little vandalism, although thousands of students and workers cross it every

day.

By contrast, recently in Glebe's Bicentennial Park I counted five smashed park lights, and there were major infestations of weeds and extensive bald patches. All the bubblers and several trees were damaged, the paths cracked and eroded, and the entire park desperately in need of top dressing and a proper watering system. Yet this is a recent park in Leichhardt! The story is repeated everywhere in Glebe. We have to be grateful for the modest work done recently in Blackwattle Bay Park: the repair of a small section of seawall and the creation of the first properly formed path there after more than twenty years, because it is so rare! Not for the first time has observation driven me to the conclusion that the much vaunted environmental concern of Leichhardt Councillors is limited to the theoretic and symbolic, and does not include the environment in which we all live.

Blackwattle Bay Park is the last occasion a Council of Leichhardt was honest enough to publicly acknowledge the contribution of The Glebe Society. That was twenty years ago, and The Society's contribution has, if anything, increased!

Victoria Park has an interesting history. It was initially part of Sydney University. The stone gatekeeper's lodge still stands near the intersection of City Road and Broadway, and South Sydney Council has recreated the original carriage drive that led up to the main quadrangle over a wooden bridge. The low lying, swampy part of the site now forms the pond. In the 1880s the University exchanged this site for additional land for denominational colleges. Whatever benefit it brought to the University, the general public gained a most attractive space. Improvements to the park began in 1998, and it now plays host to a number of public events, some of which were once held in Glebe.

## Say "No" to through traffic

In the August/September edition of the Bulletin we published details of a proposal by local resident Andrew Kay to save Glebe from through traffic. Andrew is seeking to build a coalition of local groups that will take a proposal to the State Government. The next step is a public meeting organised by Cr Chris Windsor at **Glebe Town Hall on 8 October at 7 pm**. The RTA has been invited to attend.

## A new park?

In the June/July *Bulletin* (p 11) we reported on a meeting with local MP Sandra Nori about the possibility that unused Crown land at the corner of Franklyn and Glebe Streets being added to an adjacent park.

Recently Ms Nori's office phoned to say that the Department that owns the land is willing to sell it to Leichhardt Council at "open space" rates. We're told that Cr Chris Windsor is now progressing the matter with Council.

## Get the mail on litter

Email our CleanUp Glebe convenor at [cleanupglebe@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:cleanupglebe@glebesociety.org.au) to join CleanUp Net, the email list established by Horst Schwarz for members who want a cleaner Glebe.

### Bigger is not better



The Society has written to Leichhardt Council objecting to a banner suspended across three shopfronts at 21 Glebe Point Road (pictured). The Society believes the banner is "oversize and out of scale with the 19th Century streetscape".



# Notes from the Secretary

## Subcommittees and Project Teams

President John Buckingham has asked subcommittee chairs and project team leaders to identify major areas of activity for the forthcoming year. This review will ensure that the Society's proactive work can be effectively managed in tandem with ongoing issues.

## Liaison with Broadway Centre

The Society has issued an invitation to the Broadway Centre's new Community Liaison Manager, Belinda Lam, to speak to the Management Committee at its October meeting. If you have issues you would like us to raise, please contact the acting secretary, Bobbie Burke (9692 0343 or email secretary@glebesociety.org.au) or come along to the meeting.

## Footpath seating

Leichhardt Council have been asked to relocate one of their new seats in Glebe Point Road, opposite the Library, which unfortunately has been positioned under a favourite pigeon nesting spot. (A sidelight to this issue: Fiona Campbell suggested to the manager of the shop opposite the affected seat that he could discourage the pigeons by blocking access to their roost with chicken wire. She was told it was not possible because the shop's owner was overseas.)

## Federal Road Bridge

The new Federal Road Bridge in Bicentennial Park was opened by the Mayor of Leichhardt on Sunday 23 September.

## Supermarket trolleys

Members may recall that the Society recently met with the Project Manager of Trolley Services Australia (TSA). One of our suggestions was that all trolley handles should carry

the Trolley Tracker number for the following reasons :

- ✗ the trolley collection process is not obvious or transparent to the general public, and
- ✗ the universality of mobile phones could assist in facilitating and speeding up trolley collection if the phone number was visible on all abandoned trolleys

TSA advised that the matter was discussed at their meeting with the Australian Retailers Association on Wednesday 8 August 2001. TSA subsequently advised us as follows (our highlighting):

*The matter of having the Trolley Tracker number displayed on trolley handles was discussed but due to the high cost of retrofitting these stickers and the small amount of benefit which could be associated with it, the decision was taken that retrofitting is not feasible. Fitting the number to new handles is however being explored as is printing of stickers which people could attach to their mobile phones and fridge magnets. We feel these methods would be much more efficient and cost effective.*

The Society believes that this response is unsatisfactory and will be pursuing the matter further.

## Tourism survey

Leichhardt Council is researching the feasibility of a tourism resource network for businesses in the Leichhardt electorate. They are currently conducting a survey to identify the requirements of local businesses in promoting themselves as a tourism product, the resources most likely to be utilised and the best method of delivering those resources. Council contact is Deborah Fitzgerald on 9437 4334.

## Letters to the Editor



Editor

*We are not happy with the bike lanes painted along Glebe Point Rd in the sections where parking bays are marked. The parking bays have been marked far too wide, encouraging drivers to park away from the kerb instead of close and parallel as required by law and hence narrowing the available space for bicycles, and making car doors even more of a hazard. If the Glebe Society would like to look at this issue I would be pleased to give more details and attend any meetings coming up.*

**Bob Moore**  
Convenor  
Leichhardt Bicycle Users  
Group

# WANTED

INFORMATION ON LOST  
**Kmart TROLLEYS**



Clean up our streets and be in the draw for a  
**\$1000 REWARD**

If you see an unattended Kmart trolley in the street, in a park or some distance from the store call Trolley Tracker ...

**Trolley Tracker**

Call 1800 641 497

THIS CALL IS ABSOLUTELY FREE

except from mobile phones.  
Each month Trolley Tracker will select at random a caller to receive a \$1000 OPEN ORDER.  
So call now, you could be a lucky winner.

In view of Liz's report on TrolleyTracker (left) it was good to see these leaflets being distributed in K-Mart recently.

# Notice Board

## Glebe Youth Service

At its AGM at the end of September, the GYS co-ordinator, Dorothy Bottrell, and all three youth workers spoke enthusiastically about their work with the young people of Glebe. The Service reported a small financial surplus for the year – due to conscientious belt-tightening – and was very excited about the imminent move to their revamped home at 84 Glebe Point Road [see *Bulletin* 4/2001, pp 4-5].

All residents and friends are invited to the official all-day opening of No. 84 on Sunday 25 November, the day of the Glebe Street Fair.

GYS is looking to increase support from the Glebe community.

Their invitation is to “Come and be part of the group which works to build good relations between young people and the community.” They hope to produce a regular newsletter informing members of GYS happenings – there is no fee, just your support is needed. Membership forms will be available at the opening.



## Clayworkers Gallery

The Inner City Clayworkers Gallery Co-op Ltd



Corner St John's Rd and  
Darghan St  
Glebe NSW 2037  
Ph/ Fax : 02 9692 9717  
[www.clayworkers.com.au](http://www.clayworkers.com.au)

**Just in time for spring !**  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Kirsty Walker - a series of clay wall pieces based on the theme of the flower

Karen Jennings - impressive rimmed bowls, various sizes for various places

Vicki Grima - mosaic and forged iron tables

**Gallery open Wed- Sun, 10.30 am - 6 pm**

## “St Schol’s” celebrates 100 years in Glebe

On Sunday, 21 October, St Scholastica’s School will celebrate its move to Glebe Point 100 years ago. The highlight of the day will be a street parade in Glebe Point Road and the re-enactment of the arrival of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan .

The original school was located at 444 Pitt Street, near where Central Railway Station now stands. When it was acquired as part of the railway project in 1900, the Sisters purchased *Toxteth Park*, originally built for a staunch Methodist, George Allen.

The centenary parade will leave Derby Place near Glebe Primary School at about 10:15 am. It will “offer a glimpse of yesteryear” with hundreds of girls re-enacting the School’s history. A small group will travel by horse and carriage from the site of the original school in Pitt Street arriving at the school about noon.

From 9:30 to 11:30 am, bus services will be suspended and Glebe Point Road and adjacent roads will be closed from Parramatta Road to Toxteth Road



## Forest Lodge Public School

*Home of The Glebe Society Archives*

**Kindergarten to Year 6. Enrolling now for 2002.**  
Principal: Mrs Eva Salter Phone 9660 3530

## Glebe Public School

9 Derwent Street Glebe

- **Headstart.** This eight week program in Term 4 gives children entering kindergarten in 2002 the best possible start. Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:15 - 11:15. Phone Teresa or Suzy 9566 1761.

- **Playgroup.** Mondays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, phone Teresa 9566 1761 or 9566 1285.

## Need a house minder?

Going overseas and need someone to mind your house? Due to winning the Wilkinson Award this year from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (NSW chapter), architect Craig Rosevear has to relocate from Hobart to Sydney in late October for work reasons and is available for house-minding locally (or anywhere within the inner Sydney metropolitan area) for as long as is required. Please call him on 0404 069 202, or (03) 6224 8688.

# For your diary ...

**Monday, 8 October, 7 pm**, Public meeting at Glebe Town Hall on through traffic in Glebe (see story page 8)

**Monday, 8 October, 7:30 pm** Meeting of the Friends of Benledi and the Glebe Library

... **to 10 October** Master plan for Fletchers' site (bottom of Forsyth Street) on display at Glebe Library (see Planning Report page 5)

**Sunday, 21 October** from 10:15 am Celebration of the centenary of St Scholastica's (see Noticeboard p 10)

**22-27 October** Exhibit of photographs "Croats in Australia" at Glebe Library

## Advance notice

**10 - 17 November** Glebe Music Festival (see insert)

**17 - 25 November** Glebe Week, concluding with the Glebe Street Fair.

**21 November** The Path to Independence: Australia

and East Timor, Woodglen cafe (see story page 3)

**Sunday, 25 November** Opening of new Glebe Youth Service premises

**Tuesday, 27 November** Glebe Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, Darling Mills

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We are glad to publish letters or articles:

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on any topic raised in the Bulletin, or

on any issues relating to The Glebe Society.

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Ordinary member	\$40
Additional household member	\$5
Concession (student or pensioner)	\$20
Business or institution	\$100

Write to PO Box 100, Glebe, 2037 or phone the Secretary, Liz Simpson Booker, on 9518 6186.

If you have a matter that you would like to discuss with the Management Committee, please ring the Secretary to arrange to attend a meeting.

## CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Report ALL street cleaning issues, dumped litter, recycling problems, and abandoned cars to:

LEICHHARDT COUNCIL  
CUSTOMER SERVICE

Phone: 9367 9222 Fax: 9367 9008

email: leichhardt@lmc.nsw.gov.au

Dumped supermarket trolleys 1800 641 497

Aircraft noise 1800 802 584

**Copy deadline for the next issue  
Tuesday, 16 October**