



Proposed boundary changes

Will Glebe's needs be met?

The Glebe Society has stressed the importance of democratic representation and the preservation of Glebe's heritage in its submission to the NSW Local Government Boundaries Commission inquiry into proposed local government boundary changes in the inner city.

The Society also submitted a list of Glebe's needs to the Commission, and asked it to evaluate whether these needs will be met by transferring Glebe and Forest Lodge to the City of Sydney.

The Commission is expected to report to the Minister for Local Government, Harry Woods, in March on this and other proposed changes affecting Leichhardt, South Sydney, Woollahra and the City of Sydney councils.

The Society has sought a meeting with the Minister after he receives the Commissions' report.

The Society's submission says:

"We are concerned that no analysis of the implications of the proposed changes for the people affected had been published (the Sproats Report focuses on the benefits to be gained by adopting Professor Sproats's major recommendations and contains no discussion of the implications of his "fall back" recommendations).

"In the absence of such an analysis, it is difficult for a community-based organisation such as ours to properly assess how the proposed changes will impact our suburb. We are not opposed to change, and indeed we recog-

nise that change is necessary if we are to achieve many of our objectives for Glebe, but we are adamant that our core community achievements and the unique social and physical character of Glebe should not be put at risk.

"The issues of greatest concern to us are:

"1. That the interests of Glebe are best safeguarded by strong democratic representation of the people of Glebe on Council, and through the continuation and improvement of the levels of community access to Council established by Leichhardt Council.

"2. That Council is accountable for the delivery of real outcomes accurately targeted at Glebe's needs, and implemented by capable and professional managers.

"3. That the strategies, actions and achievements of our community with respect to protecting our heritage (particularly our buildings and streetscapes), and the social and cultural achievements of the Glebe community should not be diluted or threatened.

"4. That local government services in Glebe be maintained at least at present levels and where possible improved.

"Issues 1 and 3 are recognised under the existing arrangements with Leichhardt Council. On the other hand, Leichhardt Council falls well short of community expectations with respect to the delivery of some services.

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What we want for Glebe

The Glebe Society “needs list” covers seven areas of concern. Some extracts from the list are published below. The full list can be downloaded from our website www.glebesociety.org.au/News-AndEvents/Glebe'sNeeds.pdf.

Direct representation of the people of Glebe on Council

Actions:

- A minimum of two councillors, elected solely by Glebe residents, are to be elected at the same time that any boundary change is made that transfers Glebe to the City of Sydney.
- Establish a programme of regular (minimum monthly) consultations with the Glebe Community, including the Glebe Society.
- Establish a 6 day per week Council office in Glebe to display all plans including DAs, handle all enquiries and respond to problems.
- Residents to have the right to speak at Council meetings on issues affecting Glebe.
- Create a purpose-built, accessible community information centre.

Retain and improve the existing heritage conservation controls

Actions:

- Restore Bellevue.
- Restore the Glebe Town Hall.
- Adaptively re-use the Burley Griffin incinerator.
- Develop and implement strategies to support owners of heritage properties in their proper maintenance and/or restoration.
- Develop and implement

strategic plans for the use of Council-owned heritage buildings (The Glebe Town Hall, Bellevue, the Burley Griffin incinerator, etc).

- Consider the use of at least one of these properties as a Community Arts Centre.

A high standard of environmental amenity

Actions:

- regular and prompt removal of graffiti (within 48 hrs).
- strict adherence to EPA guidelines on noise control, especially at night.

- prompt and complete removal of rubbish, abandoned cars and litter so that the streets are always clean.
- better rubbish removal (including green waste and recycling) and street cleanliness, especially in the vicinity of the Broadway Centre.
- minimise the intrusion of non-local and through traffic on Glebe's streets and the adverse impacts of vehicle intrusion .
- planting, nurturing, replacing and maintaining street trees and kerb gardens.
- negotiation of a shopping trolley policy with the Broadway Centre to the satisfaction of residents.

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“We assume the City of Sydney will have the necessary management capability and resources to meet Glebe's needs. However we have no assurances as to the nature and level of services we can expect, especially in the medium to long term.

“The greatest risk to Glebe as a result of the proposed changes lies in the City of Sydney's apparent opposition to the people of Glebe being represented on Council through directly elected councillors. Our suburb must be represented by councillors with an understanding of and commitment to the needs and aspirations of a predominantly residential community located in a recognised heritage area. This contrasts markedly with the City's current focus on the CBD and adjacent largely high-rise areas.

“For this reason we ask that, if the Commission supports the changes, it strongly recommend that the City of Sydney should have direct representation from Glebe through councillors directly elected by the people of Glebe.”

The “needs list” submitted to the Boundaries Commission is the

latest version of a of a list which the Society began preparing more than a year ago when it became apparent that a boundaries change was likely. It includes a wide range of matters which the Society will pursue with whatever local government authority administers Glebe. Some extracts from the list appear on this page.

The submission asked that the Commission consider whether these needs were likely to be adequately addressed if the boundary changes were implemented, and that it include in its report to the Minister an assessment of the benefits/disbenefits flowing from the changes.

The submission also requested that the Commission make a small modification to the proposed boundary changes to ensure that all of the Bicentennial Park/Federal Park/Jubilee Park complex, and all of the land earmarked to become part of the complex, should be included within the proposed new boundaries. It noted that information published to date indicated that the parks would be divided between Leichhardt and the City of Sydney by the proposed boundaries.

Tower unlikely, but at a price

It seems unlikely that a 25 storey building will rise on the former Children's Hospital site at the corner of Pyrmont Bridge Road and Booth Street. But extra flats will be built on the site at a cost to the Glebe community.

Most readers will recall that Sterling Estates proposed to remediate and replant their side of the Glebe Gully as part of the residential redevelopment of the site. The company has worked cooperatively with the FRROGS group, and Roberta Johnston has kept readers abreast of events (most recently in Bulletin 9/2001).

However the project has been bedevilled by the inability of the New Children's Hospital to reach agreement with Leichhardt Council on the price to be paid for a parcel of land (apparently about \$350,000) owned by the hospital and required as part of the open space adjacent to the Gully.

To complicate matters further, the land is contaminated with incinerator residue dumped there for many years by the hospital. Also, the land swap is complex as there are other parcels of land owned by the developer, the Council, and the hospital involved.

Not surprisingly the developer started to get worried that some of his best units would wind up with a view of a nasty patch of contaminated land. In an effort to break the deadlock, Sterling proposed to buy the disputed land from the New Children's Hospital and carry out the remediation at its own expense.

But developers are not altruists: the price it asked of South Sydney Council was an extra 6200 square metres of floor space in the development. Sterling's assessment was that this would be best achieved by almost doubling the height of the corner tower block. The result, as we all know, was community outrage.

Sterling now recognises that it misjudged public opinion and is willing to look at other ways to achieve its extra 6200 square metres. The most likely outcome is that it will be spread among other buildings and the corner tower will probably be reduced to 15 storeys - about the originally approved height.

The price, in terms of yet more development, that the community is being asked to pay for the new open space is based on the cost of remediating the land (as estimated by Sterling) together with the cost of acquiring the several parcels owned by the hospital, rather than the market value of the land. While Sterling would not disclose their figures at a meeting of the site's Community Reference Group on 19 February, the *Herald* on 26 February put it at \$7 million.

The revised proposal for open space includes an L shaped parcel of hospital land (the largest of all parcels) on the extreme east of the site between Charles and Foss Streets. Originally the hospital planned to remediate this land and sell it for housing. However it was stymied when it found that the cost of remediation would exceed the likely proceeds from the sale by about \$1.5 million.

This land has been included in the new open space proposal because it is convenient, not because of its worth as open space which, given its shape and location, is rather doubtful. Given that the cost of cleaning it up will constitute a significant proportion of the \$7 million, its inclusion bears closer examination.

Also, while no one would want to deny such a worthy institution as the New Children's Hospital a fair price, Sterling says the new deal will net the hospital about \$1.5 million. Given that the hospital created the contamination problem in the first place, and has already benefited from the residential rezoning and sale of land in the same area, it would be interesting to know the justification for this figure.

South Sydney Council will reconsider Sterling's proposal in March. Watch this space.

- Bruce Davis

From the Editor's Dungeon

Floating world

There are some rather odd things going on around us.

Take the "25 storey tower" (story this page) for example. The developer says it could not discuss with South Sydney Council how the extra floor space it wanted in return for open space should be allocated. Its only option was to put in a DA and see how it went. Surely we can work out better consultative processes for such important developments.

And take Leichhardt Council's argument that Sterling's DA proves that Glebe would

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Can't see The Glebe Society Web site because you don't have a computer? Pop into Glebe Library and have a look at us on one of the library's new internet PCs. The library also conducts Internet training, phone 9367 9266 for details.

Vale Walter Moore

Distinguished scientist and author, Emeritus Professor Walter Moore died in late December, 2001 at his home in Bloomington, Indiana, aged 83. He was a PhD of Princeton University and, before embarking on his academic career, worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II. He worked at a number of American Universities before filling the chair of Chemistry at the University of Sydney in 1974, from which he retired in 1983. He was the author of a standard chemistry text book and an acclaimed biography of physicist Erwin Schrödinger.

He was a man of many interests outside his chosen field, from philosophy to book collecting to social issues. While at Sydney University, he and his wife, Patricia, lived in Alexandra Road and they were both members of the Society. Walter was always interested in local concerns, and Patricia was closely involved with the Monday Group during its years of activity, being convenor at one time.

Even after their return to the United States they maintained an interest in Glebe, returning regularly for several months each summer and continuing as members. Their unit and membership have now been taken over by their daughter Kate.

Our sincere sympathy to Patricia and to children Julia, Kate and Anthony in their loss.

- Jeanette Knox

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be overrun by high rise if it is transferred to the City Council. The connection between the two proposals is tenuous to say the least, but this has not deterred the anti-Sartor mob. One also wonders what the

Wake Up – Clean Up!

Clean Up Australia Day

Bring gloves, sun screen, rain gear, and spend a nice day on Glebe's beautiful streets!

Site meeting point: cnr Bridge Road & Hewitt Avenue (next to Abbey Restaurant). From there we can send teams to Foley Rest Park, Westmoreland Street, Woolley Street, and Ross Street.

Comfort stop and cold refreshments on offer at 152 Bridge Road (Cynthia Jones)

Sunday 3rd March, 2002
10am to 1pm

Call Horst at 9660 7926 or e-mail: hsch@mac.com



Rail in the sky - but not to Quay!

In case you didn't notice, buried in the *Herald* exposé on Sydney's rail service (or lack thereof), is a grand plan for more railways through Glebe.

The proposals appear to be the work of former transport chief Ron Christie, but have no Government endorsement, and only sketchy details are given in the *Herald*.

"MetroWest" seems to be a way of linking the existing light rail into the city's underground system. It runs from Wynyard to Haymarket via Sussex Street, "with a possible future extension to inner west suburbs such as Glebe".

"River Metro" is a far grander plan, that might materialise about 2050. It envisages a line from Parramatta that roughly follows Victoria Road, with stations at Ryde, Gladesville, Hunters Hill, Drummoyne, Balmain, Glebe Island, Pyrmont and Wynyard. From the city it would arc out into the eastern suburbs with stations at places such as the University of NSW and Randwick Racecourse before rejoining the existing network at Sydenham.

All of which makes me wonder what has happened to the plan to extend the current light rail line to Circular Quay.

- Bruce Davis

City would do with the Glebe Library and St Helen's. Turn them into a casino perhaps?

I have no brief for a City takeover, but the disinformation in the present debate is making it almost impossible for residents to arrive at an informed opin-

ion. As I wrote more than a year ago, this debate was bound to generate more heat than light. At least The Glebe Society is trying to bring some sanity into proceedings.

- Bruce Davis



The shutters are down!

Members will recall The Society's concern about metal shutters covering the entire façade of a terrace in Wigram Road, installed without Council permission (*Bulletin* Feb. 2001, p2). As a result of The Society's efforts, Leichhardt's Legal Officer informs me that just before Christmas the Court ordered the shutters removed within six weeks. However, at the time of writing they are still in place, so celebrations would be premature. Likewise there is still no response to The Society's request that Leichhardt Council ban such external shutters on residential buildings throughout the Municipality.

Stop Press

Another victory for The Glebe Society! The shutters have been removed!

Glebe Point Road

The old Glebe Youth Centre, 51 GPR, has been sold, but I don't know what new use is proposed. It is heritage listed and must be retained. The new Centre 84 GPR, is now in full swing.

The *Just Desserts* factory at 166 has been demolished to make way for what appears to be a more sympathetically designed doctor's surgery.

Members will also recall Leichhardt Council's withdrawal without warning from the GPR Project in October, 2000 (*Bulletin* April 2001, p3). Some work had been budgeted but not carried out, and now at last a short section of footpath near Ferry Road has been repaved. However, there is now no resident committee to oversee works. The old asphalt was removed, and for several weeks shoppers were tripping over projections concealed beneath the plastic grass. When at last the paving was completed it fell below the standard set by the GPR Project Committee.

Before it was dissolved the Committee also had oversight of Minogue Reserve, a heavily used park near Badde Manors Cafe. Members who are skeptical about the role of councils in crime prevention should note how the indifference and neglect of Leichhardt Council has led to the rise of vandalism and theft in this area. It is now so bad Glebe Police contacted me on Monday, 11 February with a request to close the adjacent lane, used by those fleeing arrest.

It is ironic the police are now essentially doing Council's job of involving the community. Money is being lavished on the propaganda war in the power struggle between Leichhardt and City of Sydney over who will control Glebe, but it seems there is none to secure the welfare of Glebe youth or the safety and wellbeing of residents and businesses.

Tree Lo

Traditionally, one of Glebe's attractions is its mature trees, but recently some significant groups have disappeared. Bidura (357 GPR), its future still uncertain, has had several large trees removed. The reason is not clear. Leichhardt Council gave approval for their removal, but such applications are not advertised or notified. Leichhardt Council has often received flack for similar decisions in Glebe and elsewhere.

St Scholastica's College (Toxteth House, cnr Avenue and Arcadia Roads) has cut down its entire perimeter of camphor laurels. In this case the trees, planted too close, had already knocked down part of the boundary wall. It is likely most of the wall will have to be rebuilt, as the roots of this environmentally-unwelcome species have undermined it.

As distinct from trees on private property, removal of street trees is usually notified, but not advertised. Council is keen to remove some native rainforest species in Walsh Avenue, and the Society has protested, but it seems to no avail. There are apparently plans for street plantings in various parts of Glebe, but none of these have been implemented. Together with the recent depredations of Energy Australia, the future of trees in Glebe is looking bleak.

For the latest on Chidrens Hospital and high rise, see page 3.

- Neil Macindoe

Glebe photo competition

Dust off your camera and start looking around Glebe for suitable subjects for the Glebe Society photo competition. Details will be published in forthcoming Bulletins and on our website.

Planners ponder residential streets as “outdoor living rooms”

*Thanks to David Mander-Jones for sending the Editor a copy of the newsletter of the **Australian Institute of Urban Studies**. In view of the recent debate about Bridge Road, the following two excerpts from a report of a seminar held by the Institute last year may be of interest to members.*

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The ... seminar ... introduced some thought-provoking lateral (some might say logical rather than lateral) approaches to the design of residential streets. David Engwicht delighted the audience by enthusiastically discussing a range of propositions based on the premise that our residential streets should be the “outdoor living rooms” for our communities. Some of his propositions ... include:

- The city is an invention to maximise exchange and minimise travel. He demonstrated that if too much urban space is taken up in satisfying the transport component, the city becomes less efficient.

- New life forms of a city are created through diversity and chaos. The life and vibrancy of a city is created through spontaneous exchanges, not through planned exchanges.

- Design the street like a blank canvas. Let the users create the picture. Examples suggested by David include moveable furniture; streetscaping which looks like a living room; more homely edge treatments.

- Traffic calming devices don't work. Intrigue and uncertainty slows traffic in streets. Two interesting propositions. Does familiarity breed contempt? Having an ever-changing streetscape through human activity in the street is seen by David as providing this environment. Can human activity on the street be made consistent with, arguably, two important safety concepts? Firstly, roads should be designed with a forgiving character. Misjudgments are made by all from time to time. Secondly, uniformity in the application of street design treatments ensures a more consistent response by the users. Accidents are low probability events with potentially disastrous consequences. Is the answer, to quote Clive Jenkins: “Every aspect of the streetscape should shout at the driver:



You are in a residential street!?”?

- Communities are losing their diversity tolerance. People desire certainty and order in their lives which are often achieved through development control mechanisms in town planning. Yet the vibrancy of a town occurs through diversity and chaos. Is this tension also important? How do we achieve an appropriate balance?

- Avoid the politics of blame. Communities need to take collective responsibility for solving the problem. This was probably the most important point. As a community we need to be more tolerant by opening our minds to the point of view of all stakeholders. It is not someone else's fault, it is not someone else's problem. The most acceptable solution will be found when communities are prepared to accept ownership of the problem. How do we encourage a community to take collective responsibility? Just as importantly how can we get the media to constructively inform the community rather than engage in the sensationalism of blame?

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David gave an interesting discussion on the importance of street spaces as a means of providing opportunities for “informal exchanges” by creating diverse and “chaotic” environments in the community.

By involving the community in designing or retro-fitting the residential street as an “outdoor living area”, David feels the opportunity may exist for restoring the residential street as a vital exchange space for the community. This also has the added advantage of reintroducing activities to the street which bring both uncertainty and intrigue to the minds of drivers passing through the streets (such as children playing), thereby calming traffic, without the use of specific devices aimed at the reduction of vehicle speed, such as commonly used now.

Creating an “outdoor living room” in arterial road spaces however is more complex due to the speed and volume of traffic along these routes. The paradox of arterial roads is that the need for them is created by individual's lifestyle choices —personal space, housing type and cost etc. We also have wider interactions across the urban area with

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History and heritage

Jack Munday launched the Leichhardt Local History Group in the Balmain Town Hall on Friday 15 February. Jack welcomed its formation, saying "anything that is local and has local people involved is vital". He reminded us that Nick Origlass in his mayoral robes had led the people of Glebe in protest against the freeways planned for Glebe in the 70s, which would have ruined the suburb. Commenting on the "rich tapestry of history in the Leichhardt area", he said "the linking of history and heritage should always be acknowledged".

In responding on behalf of Leichhardt Council, Hall Greenland said that Jack was himself "a piece of living campaigning history".

The Group was initiated by Margaret Penson, Local Studies Librarian at Leichhardt Library, with the principal aim of promoting local history activities throughout the Leichhardt local council area, and facilitating liaison with and between existing groups, such as The Glebe Society.

Sue Tronser, Chair of the Group, advised that the first official meeting would take place on Monday 11 March at Leichhardt Library, starting at 5pm and that anyone interested in joining the committee would be welcome. She also thanked Society member Ted McKeown for his help with legal requirements, the constitution, etc.

For more information contact Secretary, June Lunsman on 9810 6885, or email <speal@zip.com.au>, or Treasurer, Tricia Mack on 9569 7459.

- **Bobbie Burke**

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businesses, friends and relatives than in the past. This all means travelling longer distances and with dispersed destinations is infrequently by public transport.

It is doubtful that even in the longer term, travel demand management measures and improved land use planning can result in sufficient change in travel patterns to return arterial roads to an environment that can be treated as a residential street. In the meantime, planners should be providing a balance between the community's demand and right for access to destinations/origins and creating improved environments along arterial roads. The Main Street concept is one current example of attempting to find this balance which could be expanded to capture community interest and activity to specific sections of arterial roads.

Letter to the Editor



The Worm could turn!

Isn't it about time that the community started to take some responsibility for the lawlessness that prevails at the present time in our streets? I often hear people complain about the lack of discipline parents give their children these days and wonder if this isn't the root cause of the crime and vandalism we are all suffering today. If the parents can't do it, maybe the community could. It is about time the graffiti artists, dangerous cyclists on footpaths, posters of advertising on poles, illegal parkers, irresponsible dog owners, thieves and beggars were asked to desist. All of these misdemeanors are illegal.

If we do not make a stand against the perpetrators of small crimes we give the message that it is OK to break the law and small time criminals think they can get away with more serious crimes. We, the community, are ultimately the ones who have to pay for crime no matter how small. Laws are made to protect our society. To ignore the perpetrators of crime is simply a crime in itself.

I understand that people are too frightened to ask perpetrators to stop doing these crimes in case they become the victims of abuse. Well, that is allowing them to intimidate us. We are all being abused all the time by these small time crooks so what's the difference? It's about time the worm turned. The world is full of crime supported by people who turn a blind eye and appear to condone the behavior.

So next time you see somebody park in front of a driveway or plaster signs all over our streets, politely advise them that they are breaking the law, that we do not want this sort of behavior in Glebe and ask them to desist. They may give you a mouthful of expletives but they might think twice about doing it again! What do other readers think?

Christine Whittemore
30 January 2002

Notes from the Secretary

Donation to Society

Christine Whittemore, former Heritage Convenor of the Society, has returned to the UK to settle permanently in Northampton. Christine kindly donated \$150 to the Society being part of the proceeds of her recent garage sale. The Society is grateful for the donation and sends its best wishes to Christine for the future.

New Heritage and Environment Convenors Needed

The Society currently has two portfolios for which convenors are needed. If you have an interest in heritage or environment and would like to be active in the local context, please contact Liz on 95 186 186.

The Glebe Music Festival

Dr David McIntosh, Director of the Glebe Music Festival, has expressed disappointment at the lack of support given to some of the Festival events last year.

The Society believes that the Festival is an important part of Glebe's annual calendar and enhances our cultural life in a unique way. We applaud Dr McIntosh's creativity, energy and contacts as well as his commitment to stage this annual event.

We urge members to support the 2002 Festival.

The Glebe Music Festival website can be visited at www.glebemusicfestival.com.

Leichhardt Local History Group

This group has been formed to :

- Promote local history activities throughout the Leichhardt Local Government Area

- Assist in raising funds for local history activities and resources

- Act as advocates for increased awareness of local history in the Leichhardt LGA

- Offer assistance to the community

- Facilitate networking and liaison between local history groups in the Leichhardt LGA

The Group was launched on 15th February by Jack Munday AO (see story page 7).

National Trust Heritage Festival 2002

The theme for this year's festival is "Bridging the Divide" – deliberately chosen for the multiple ways in which it can be interpreted by community groups, but specially as 2002 marks the 70th birthday of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The full program for the Festival can be accessed at www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Graffiti trailer

Not everyone appreciates the artistic nature of the graffiti that appears from time to time on our walls and fences.

To help residents remove unwanted tags, Leichhardt Council has instituted a "graffiti trailer" equipped with all the gear you need to remove or paint over the offending tags. The trailer, which is an ordinary box trailer that can be towed by most cars, is available free of charge. It even comes with a handbook.

For further information and bookings contact the Community Safety Officer (email: Marissar@lmc.nsw.gov.au).

Noticeboard not so noteworthy



The first of the community noticeboards promised under the now-defunct Glebe Point Road Project has finally arrived in Minoque Reserve. At about half the height originally envisaged they don't quite match the original design (see *Bulletin* 8/2001) by Peter Tonkin.

Problem trees

The following extract from St Scholastica's *News* explains the removal of trees along the school's boundary noted by Neil Macindoe in his *Planning Matters* column on page 5.

"After 18 months of consultation with the Council, tree specialists, engineers and builders, the only reasonable long term solution is to remove the existing trees (which are classed as a noxious weed and should never have been planted). A new tree planting program will take place and the wall will be replaced. This work will start in January and thus the major inconvenience will be over by the time the girls return to school. The avenue will look a little bare for a short time but the new plantings will soon return our green canopy."

Glebe and the National Estate

From time to time members ask about the meaning of the phrase, "Glebe is a conservation area". There are several ways in which the heritage status of a building or an area can be recognised, and one of them is through the Commonwealth Government's *Register of the National Estate* maintained by the Australian Heritage Commission. Glebe's entry in the register is reproduced below.

Glebe Conservation Area, Glebe NSW

Class: Historic

Legal Status: Registered (21/03/1978)

Statement of Significance:

Glebe is a history of early Australian urban architecture. As a townscape it is handsome, coherent, and largely complete. The scale and character have been little disturbed by modern intrusion. About one fifth of the houses have been acquired and restored by the Australian Government. Glebe seen as a whole is a significant part of Sydney's heritage and character.

The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised nor reconsidered by the Commission.

Description: An inner urban area about 2km west of the centre of Sydney, it is built mostly on a sandstone ridge having boundaries defined by water, parks and Parramatta Road. The architecture is predominantly late nineteenth century. There is a large range of housing types. Glebe contains the greatest number of

1860-1870s cottages and terraces forming a continuous townscape to be found in Australia. Visually rich and architecturally interesting it has views out of the area along streets ending at the water or cliff faces. There are many fine buildings which are registered individually.

Condition and Integrity

Location : About 150ha, in Glebe, Forest Lodge and Glebe Point, bounded by Parramatta Road to Glebe Point Road, then directly to the bend in Grose Street, Grose Street, Franklyn Street, Glebe Street, Bay Street, Crown Street, Cowper Street, Wentworth Street, Mitchell Lane East, Wentworth Park Road, Railway Street alignment, Bridge Road, Burton Lane alignment, Quarry Street, Taylor Lane alignment, Ferry Road, Taylor (former Miller) Street and alignment, Forsyth Street to the alignment of the property boundary extending south from the corner in Garran Lane, Garran Lane to the alignment of the rear of properties on the eastern side of Sheehy Street, the rear of those blocks, the northern boundary of the most northerly property on the eastern side of Sheehy Street, the alignment of the western side of Sheehy Street, Leichhardt Street and the alignment of its north-east section to Blackwattle Bay, the shoreline of that bay to the alignment of the western section of Oxley Street, Oxley Street, Stewart Street, Mary Street, then to include the property on the north-east of the intersection of Mary Street and Glebe Point Road, Glebe Point

Road, Federal Road, Northcote Road, Eglinton Road, Glebe Jubilee Park, Alexandra Lane, Victoria Road, Maxwell Road, east and south boundaries Harold Park, Minogue Crescent, cliff face north of Albert Street, Wigram Road west to Minogue Crescent intersection, south to Creek Street, west to Orphan School Creek, Arundel Street, Ross Street, Parramatta Road, Glebe.

If you are interested in looking up other buildings and places on the Register of the National Estate, visit the Australian Heritage Commission's web site database at:

www.ahc.gov.au/register/easydatabase/database.html

News from Marianne von K

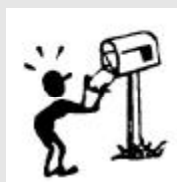
As many members would know, Marianne von Kbobelsdorff returned to Germany late last year due to the ill health of her parents.

In her inimitable style, she has faxed news from Bonn and begs to be kept in touch with happenings in Glebe.

She writes: "I am pleased that I managed to clean off the graffiti in my area before I left, as a Christmas present to Glebe. The best method to clean off graffiti from metal surfaces is nail polish remover.

"When I cleaned the post box in front of Liz Trickett's guest house she was just putting an American couple into a taxi. They were so impressed that a citizen would clean graffiti off "public property", and they said they wanted to introduce this into Philadelphia. There you are!"

Letter to the Editor



The Leichhardt Traffic Committee on 25 January 2002 adopted part two of the following "Officers Recommendation" and will submit to Council for consideration at its next meeting on 26th February 2002. The resolution is as follows:

1. That the initiative to significantly reduce through traffic along Bridge Road and surrounding streets is supported. - *Not Supported*
2. That the undertaking of a feasibility study on the reduction of through traffic along Bridge Road and surrounding streets is supported. - *Supported*

Part 2 gives no guarantee that the scheme will be evaluated nor does it call for a "substantial" reduction in through traffic in Glebe. This is a concern to many residents who had hoped for a proper evaluation of the scheme to be supported.

It is absolutely essential that the resolution be amended to evaluate the scheme explicitly and any other possible measures to significantly reduce through traffic on Bridge Road and other streets in Glebe, and also evaluate the potential benefits the scheme would bring to Glebe and the region through enabling the connection of Wentworth Park to the waterfront at south Blackwattle Bay with the Working Maritime Port and the Sydney Fish Markets.

I believe Council needs to take the broader view that not only does the scheme address the core problem of through traffic, it also provides a significant opportunity to magnify the benefits and create opportunities for major community, business, cultural and recreation initiatives within Glebe and at Blackwattle Bay.

The Glebe Society has clearly expressed its views to support a proper evaluation of the proposal (see recent *Bulletins* and the Website), and would be of great service to its members and the people of Glebe to call for the above recommendation to be amended as proposed. In the spirit of the support given in the past I would urge the Society to press for a fair and comprehensive assessment of the scheme.

As a final note: there are now over 3,000 signatures to a petition from every corner of Glebe and Forest Lodge calling for something to be done regarding the problems of through traffic in Glebe. There have been three public meetings where 99% of attendees supported the scheme. I think this speaks for itself.

Andrew Kay
31 January 2002

Notice Board



Historical walking tours with a social perspective

The Historic Houses Trust has arranged two tours of interest to Glebe residents.

Sunday, 17 March, 2-3:30 pm: Megan Martin, senior librarian with the Trust, will take you on a tour of the Lyndhurst estate, a journey through the "changing architectural styles of a grand Victorian suburb."

Sunday, 21 April, 2-3:30 pm: Joan Lawrence, author of the *Good Walks Guide*, will lead a tour that "will uncover the story of the Pyrmont Peninsula from the days of John Macarthur through to today's development."

Bookings essential, phone 9518 6866. Cost: \$15 (\$10 concession) which includes refreshments and entry to the Museum of Sydney.



Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe Society Archives

Kindergarten to Year 6.
Principal: Mrs Eva Salter Phone 9660 3530

TGSI prize presented at Forest Lodge School

The first *Douglas Mawson Prize for Science* was presented to Stevie Wainwright, a Year 6 (2001) student at Forest Lodge School late last year.

The prize is donated annually in recognition of the school's generosity in housing The Glebe Society's archives.

The prize was a \$50 book voucher from Gleebooks. A further donation was used to buy a book for the school library that will carry a 'Donated By: The Glebe Society' sticker on the frontispiece.

For your diary . . .

until March 2002 *Twentyfour Seven* 40 black & white photographic images of Glebe by Robert Billington — a three-year project includes images from mansions to markets. Museum of Sydney.

Sunday 3 March 10am-1pm *Clean Up Australia Day*
Contact Horst Schwarz, email:hsch@mac.com
(refreshments etc. available at 152 Bridge Road)
meet at corner of Bridge Road and Hewitt Street,
adjacent to *The Abbey*.

Monday 4 March David Suzuki talking about his latest book, *Good News for a Change*. Bookings and info on 9351-7940 6.30 for 7.00pm, Seymour Centre, \$15/\$12.

Wednesday 13 March 7.30pm Glebe Society

Management Committee meeting *The Toxteth Hotel* meeting room.

Monday 11 March 5 pm First meeting of Leichhardt Local History Group, Leichhardt Library. Details: June Lunsmann on 9810 6885, or email speal@zip.com.au, or Treasurer, Tricia Mack on 9569 7459 (see story page 7).

Monday 11 March, 7.30pm at Benledi - Friends of Benledi and Glebe Library, come along and hear local resident and author, Rosie Scott, talk about her highly acclaimed novel "Faith Singer" which was published last year. \$6/4.00 (includes light refreshments).

Saturday 23 March 7.00 pm and **Sunday 24 March** 2.30 pm - *Coro Innominata* will present Handel's *Messiah* at Saint Scholastica's Chapel Avenue Road, Glebe. Tickets \$25/\$20 Bookings and more information phone: 9327 3420.

We are glad to publish letters or articles:

on any matters of interest to Glebe

on any topic raised in the Bulletin, or

on any issues relating to The Glebe Society.

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

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