



# Glebe Society Bulletin

9/2003 October/November

## Early Christmas present for Glebe

Glebe has just been promised a \$13.2 million Christmas present. Not only will the Glebe foreshore walk be completed, but the City Council will also restore *Bellevue* and the historic grandstand in Jubilee Oval. Together with plans by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (see p 4-5), this project should see the final achievement of a foreshore promenade from Blackwattle Bay to Woolloomooloo.

The Lord Mayor, Cr Lucy Turnbull, announced the plan on 2 November, four months after she was introduced to the idea when she attended the Society's *Wander and Wonder*.

Cr Turnbull said: "The Glebe Foreshore Walk will become one of the great assets of Sydney, bringing more people into contact with this historic foreshore area."

The walk will stretch for 2.2 km from Bicentennial Park to Wentworth Park and will offer a broad variety of settings and waterfront recreation opportunities, with continuous cycle and wheelchair access and a variety of low-key water based recreational opportunities. It will link more than 27 ha of open space from Bicentennial Park to Wentworth Park and include nearly 3 ha of new foreshore park.

Another important part of the project is the restoration of the Walter Burley Griffin incinerator on the former Fletchers site at the bottom of Forsyth Street. This work will be managed by the City Council and funded by Australand which is developing *Glebe Harbour*.

**Further information about the project is published on pages 5-7.**

## A perfect evening and a chance to win big!

Think about an evening in early summer. Think about a beautiful garden. Think about the verandah of a historic house, beside this beautiful garden.

This is the setting for the Glebe Society's 2003 Christmas Party, on Friday 5 December, on the verandah of Toxteth House (St Scholastica's College) on the corner of Arcadia Road and Avenue Road.

As this is the first time the Glebe Society has held a function at this venue, we are expecting a great demand for tickets. A flyer for bookings is enclosed with this Bulletin.

The party will take place from 6pm to 8pm, allowing you to go to another party if your diary is getting too crowded. There will be oysters, hot and cold finger food and a very

special Christmas cake, accompanied by champagne, wine and soft drinks. Please note that this is a NO SMOKING venue.

The party will also be the occasion for drawing our Great Christmas Raffle (see below).

All tickets for this year's Christmas Party cost \$30, payable by cash, cheque, Bankcard, Visa or Mastercard.

### **GREAT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The Glebe Society's 2003 Christmas Raffle has some excellent prizes...

1<sup>st</sup> Prize — Samsung DVD-VCR combo set and a 35cm (14 inch) Celestial colour TV (donated by The Broadway Centre and Harvey Norman (valued at more than \$500)

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Book for the Christmas party, buy your raffle tickets now!



Toxteth House verandah

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2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – The use for three nights of a holiday house at Pearl Beach, donated by Fay & David Mander-Jones (valued at \$300)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$100 voucher from The Mixing Pot

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - “Gardens of China” by Peter Valder, donated by Florilegium Books (valued at \$90)

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – An original piece of Pottery donated by the Clayworkers’ Gallery

Tickets cost \$5 each, or a sheet of five for \$20. For your convenience, a sheet of five tickets is included with this Bulletin.

**HOW TO BUY TICKETS**

- Include the payment for Raffle Tickets when you pay for the Christmas Party. Send in the stubs, (the left hand side of the page) with your Party Booking.
- Buy more tickets from our Stall at the Glebe Street Fair, on Sunday 16 November.
- Phone Edwina Doe (9660 7066) for more tickets. If the message machine answers, please leave your name and phone number.
- Buy even more tickets at the party on 5 December.

**GOODLUCKIN  
THERAFFLE!**

## \$3,500 City grant for *Wander and Wonder* cruise

The City of Sydney has notified me that the Community Grant Application I submitted on behalf of the Glebe Society has been successful. Consequently we have \$3,500 to spend on a Wander on the Water Harbour Cruise and picnic.

The main difference from our usual annual cruise is that half the places must be offered free to Glebe Youth Centre, Tranby College and St Helens Community Centre

As with previous cruises, we would begin with a tour of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays with a commentary on proposed developments from members of the Bays and Foreshores subcommittee. The application also makes provision for onboard music and refreshments, and a printed souvenir leaflet containing information of our choice, acknowledging the assistance of the City.

The cruise will probably take place in February 2004. See the next *Bulletin* for further details.

- Neil Macindoe

## Glebe’s foreshores: there’s many a slip...

The Lord Mayor’s announcement on the foreshore walk is good news indeed. The Glebe Society has promoted the idea for many years and at last it appears to be attainable.

However there’s a long way to go before the job is done. Cr Turnbull faces an election in March next year with no certainty of victory. As yet we have not heard whether those who may replace her are also committed to this costly project. And if she is reelected, how can we ensure that timetables and budgets do not slip

once the votes have been counted?

There are also issues of detail. For example, how will the restored Bellevue be used? In the past residents have been rightly concerned about the parking and traffic issues that may arise if it becomes a popular attraction. The same can be said for the Burley Griffin incinerator, and in addition there are issues concerning the style of restoration.

In the broader context, the future of the Blackwattle Bay wharves on Bridge

Road and Wentworth Park are still to be decided, and we don’t know whether Waterways’ proposal to build a parking lot and two boat launching ramps on Pymont Point will proceed.

Then there is the super yacht marina and dry boat storage in Rozelle Bay, and don’t forget the Government’s odd decision to close the Harbour’s container berths.

We may have won a battle but the war is not over.

- Bruce Davis

# Tudoresque Glebe

In a recent edition of the *Bulletin*, Ian Edwards questioned the relevance of the Tudor Queen Elizabeth I to Glebe. This encouraged me to do a little research on the influences of the Tudor period on just one aspect, namely, architecture in Australia generally and in Glebe specifically.

After the Reformation, very little church building was undertaken but domestic housing boomed. The manor house became a derivation of the medieval castle with battlements and other features becoming decorative elements.

Some characteristics of the Tudor style are:

- Battlemented parapets
- Tudor or four-centred pointed arches
- Conical tower-like (“candle-snuffer”) elements
- Bays and bay windows, oriel windows
- Imitation half-timbering used in gables and upper storeys

The popularity of neo-Tudor architecture in Australia has been explained by the nostalgia felt by settlers towards England and an architectural genre loved for its mellowness and picturesque qualities.

The Tudor style has enjoyed several revivals. In Australia, there are architectural examples of Victorian Tudor (c1840-c1890) and the continuing influence of Tudor architecture can be seen in some aspects of the Federation Queen Anne style (c1890-c1915) and, even later, in the Inter-War Old English style (c1915-c1940).

In Sydney, one can immediately think of the following landmarks which exhibit Tudor characteristics:

- The Supreme Court Building in Elizabeth Street, opposite the St James Centre (Architect Walter Liberty Vernon, 1913)
- *Vauchuse House* (1839)
- *The Swifts*, Darling Point (1882)



- St Andrew’s College, University of Sydney, which critics at the time described as Elizabethan (1874-6)
- The Cammeray Bridge

There is also a style known unkindly as “Stockbroker’s Tudor”, examples of which can be seen on the lower north shore.

In Glebe, it is possible to see Tudor influences in, for example:

- *Lasswade*, 242 Glebe Point Road - oriel window and conical roof (1893)
- *Oudenard*, 7 Arcadia Road - tower with conical roof (1895) (*pictured right*)
- *Wychwood*, 4 Avenue Road - bay window (1899) (*pictured left*)
- 32-34 Allen Street - octagonal turrets, conical roofs, tall chimneys (1911) (*pictured top of page*)
- *Rosebank*, Hereford Street - battlemented tower (c1880)
- 62-68 Hereford Street - imitation half-timbering



On your next stroll around Glebe, see what else you can find!

- Liz Booker-Simpson

## Indigo Foundation's film premiere "Sugar, Surf and Seaweed" held in Glebe

On Friday 24 October, Benledi House saw the Sydney premiere of *Sugar, Surf and Seaweed*, a video documentary which looked at some of the changes to village life and agriculture that are now happening in Rote, Indonesia. The small 30 minute NO-budget film was shot last year by Tom Van Seville on Handycam while he was working in Rote as a volunteer for the Indigo Foundation (IF). The video is a celebration of the villagers he worked with, and gives an interesting perspective on a fascinating part of Eastern Indonesia.

The screening was attended by many Glebe residents. Filmgoers were greeted with a glass of champagne and introduced to the work of IF, a small non-profit community development organisation, which works with marginalised communities in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Rote is one of the projects that IF is currently supporting. The event was aimed at raising awareness of the innovative work in community development that IF is involved with. The Indigo Foundation is hoping to attract new members to further support its work in this area.

If you would like further information about IF, please contact Fay Mander-Jones (95524172) or have a look at their website [www.indigofoundation.org](http://www.indigofoundation.org)

### Recyclable waste

A member who lives in St Johns Road reports that even after complaining to the City Council, his recyclable waste is still not being collected. Are you experiencing similar problems? If so please inform the Secretary, Liz Simpson-Booker.

## Blackwattle Bay "promenade" link to city

# A strategy for "missing links"

While the City Council has developed a plan for the western side of Blackwattle Bay, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) has started work on building a foreshore promenade on the eastern side of the bay that will eventually link Glebe to the City and Woolloomooloo.

Earlier in the year SHFA published a planning document outlining how it proposed to fill the "missing links", most of which are located along Bank Street between the Fish Market and Pymont Point.

SHFA includes in its key strategy objectives:

- complete foreshore access on the peninsula in line with the State government's initiative for a foreshore walk from Woolloomooloo to Blackwattle Bay by actioning the development of the missing foreshore links; and
- provide temporary measures over the water in areas of missing links until such time as foreshore access can be provided on land.
- coordinate and integrate the provision of foreshore promenade development in the remaining areas of the peninsula and Blackwattle Bay.

The eastern promenade is more difficult to implement because of patterns of private ownership, and many temporary boardwalks are proposed until these sites are redeveloped and more substantive access can be constructed.

The plan states:

"It is essential that public access be provided as far as possible to the complete foreshore of Pymont and that the design of this public access varies in response to local circumstances including, but certainly not limited to, the provision of a sequence of variable public open spaces (such as green areas, paved areas, squares, boardwalks and viewing points).

"Whilst the walk along the foreshore

may be diverted away from the water's edge for reasons of safety or security ... it is essential that the walk be continuous and accessible to all people at all times."

SHFA suggests multiple recreational uses for the promenade - walking, jogging, cycling, skating and fishing. It is proposed that the average width be 10 metres across the length of any one site or adjoining sites under the same ownership and not be permitted to fall below eight metres except in exceptional circumstances. The minimum trafficable width, clear of all fixed or movable obstructions, is to be at least six metres. Where outdoor living space directly abuts the promenade, care should be taken to ensure that the public space is not effectively privatised.

The plan states that all new areas of the foreshore promenade are to facilitate improved connectivity with existing pedestrian networks. "Pedestrian connections and views to and from the water are to be provided so that a coherent relationship is established between streets, squares, urban parks and the foreshore ...

"Further, allowances should be made for active public spaces to be located adjacent to transport interchanges and major existing transport routes (e.g. proximity to bus routes and the light rail system)."

The visual amenity of foreshore areas should be maximised in the design of the promenades including views both to and from the harbour. Further, access ways to the waterfront promenade are to frame important views and vistas.

Material used in building the promenade should evolve from the waterfront character of the harbour and reinforce the theme of living harbour and working harbour.

Specific sites addressed in the plan include:

**Glebe Island Bridge** "Linkage with adjoining land to be addressed once

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# Foreshore link from Glebe to City

## Outline

The Glebe Foreshore project is an initiative to develop a continuous foreshore walk and public open space around the Glebe peninsula from Bicentennial Park in the west to the Sydney Fish Market in the east.

The project builds on the existing open spaces of Bicentennial Park and Blackwattle Bay Park to create a continuous foreshore park network offering a broad variety of settings and waterfront recreation opportunities.

The project will provide continuous cycle and wheelchair access, a variety of low-key water based recreational opportunities and a series of waterfront parkland, natural and historic settings.

The project establishes public access to the harbour foreshore as a priority within Council's Glebe area.

## Key elements

- A continuous 2.2 km foreshore walk will be created of which 1.4 km will be new and 0.6 km up-graded existing walkway.
- The project will link approximately 27.4 ha of continuous open space from Bicentennial Park to Wentworth Park, of which 2.7ha will be new foreshore park.
- The project includes the restoration of historic *Bellevue* in Blackwattle Bay Park, the restoration of the historic grandstand and Jubilee Oval area of Bicentennial Park, and the restoration of the historic Walter Burley Griffin incinerator (by Australand) on the "Glebe Harbour" site.
- The project includes general landscape improvements including planting, pathways, seating, lighting and signage

## Strategic links

The Glebe Foreshore project forms

part of larger strategy of continuous foreshore access from the City to Rozelle Bay.

The project links to the Waterways Authority Masterplan for the Rozelle Bay Maritime Precinct to the north, and the Fish Market Masterplan and Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority Foreshore Promenade Strategy to the east, which will complete the continuous foreshore access around the Pyrmont peninsula.

It will extend the foreshore access from Woolloomooloo in the east, via the Botanic Gardens, Circular Quay, Walsh Bay, Darling Harbour and Pyrmont to the head of Rozelle Bay in the west, a distance of approximately 12.5 km.

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## Community consultation

- Extensive community consultation will be undertaken during the design development of the project.
- Community groups and external stakeholders will be specifically targeted to refine and endorse the concepts.
- Community and stakeholder input will be undertaken in accordance with statutory requirements during any Plan of Management or Development Application stages.

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## Funding

A project budget of \$13.2m has been established to deliver the project including funding for land acquisition and remediation.

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## Program

A preliminary program has been developed to enable works to commence on site by March 2004. It is anticipated that works will be completed in stages over an eight to 15 month period.

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the decision regarding the Bridge's future is finalised."

**Bank Street generally** Interim boardwalks and a 10m wide foreshore promenade when and if site redeveloped.

**Sydney Fish Market (SFM)** "Retain existing boardwalk. New boardwalk (2.5m) between central and northern most wharf to link existing 10m wide boardwalk. SFM Square and Plaza ... link the promenade. Promenade to be developed as part of any new development proposal. It is also to be at least 10m wide and may also accommodate additional zoned public recreation area."

**Coal unloader** "10m x 12m wide boardwalk linking SFM and coal loader."

**Blackwattle Bay wharves** (Waterways B2 and B3 sites) "Public access restricted during business hours. The Master Plan states that 'working waterfront access for the public should be provided to the foreshore on a limited basis during business

hours subject to restrictions for safety or security reasons associated with ongoing maritime operations. Measures for maintaining such access into the future need to be introduced."

- Bruce Davis

## Important meeting!

*Hear how it will be done,  
get answers to your  
questions*

The Glebe Society has arranged a special briefing for members and friends by SHFA on planning and construction of the foreshore promenade.

**Venue:** Benledi meeting room, next to the library in Glebe Point Road.

**Date and time:** 7 pm Wednesday, 19 November.

Modest refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

## How different sites will be developed



New walkway in front of a restored *Bellevue*.

### Bicentennial Park

Completes the link east and west of the existing foreshore promenade, and adds a number of public domain improvements and water access options:

**Bicentennial Park West** - 190m of new foreshore walkway, a small floating pontoon-small boat access (no vehicle launching), small wetland reconstruction if possible and associated landscaping (seats, planting, pathways, lighting, bike racks, signage etc). Links to Light Rail Station, Johnston Street, Annandale (cycleway) and north to Rozelle Bay.

**Bicentennial Park East** (Pope Paul VI Reserve) - 120m of new foreshore walkway with associated landscaping (seats, lighting, bike racks, signage etc). Links to Glebe Point Road (buses and cycleway) and the new foreshore walk to the east (501 Glebe Point Road).

**Bicentennial Park general:** supplementary works will be undertaken in areas of Bicentennial Park including upgrades to lighting, pathways, landscaping, restoration of the Jubilee Park pavilion and an upgrade of change facilities and public toilets.

**501 Glebe Point Road** (*Pavilions on the Bay*) – nothing new.

### The Anchorage

Private property currently proposed to be acquired by Council for development of a new foreshore walk and park of approximately 1600m<sup>2</sup>, including landscaping (planting, seats, lighting, bike racks, signage etc), new water access steps and rehabilitation of a small beach area.

#### "Link Site"

Currently owned by Council. There is no current access or landscape development. This site includes 90m of new foreshore walkway/ timber boardwalk, an associated foreshore park of approximately 1600m<sup>2</sup> including landscaping (planting, seats, lighting, bike racks, signage etc) and ramp and stair access to a restored beach area with a mangrove/wetland landscape.

#### "Bridgewater"

The foreshore area is currently owned by Council. An upgrade is required to improve access and the associated landscaping. This site includes approximately 70m of foreshore with historic stone docks and machinery.

### Blackwattle Bay Park

This site includes approximately 450m of new and upgraded foreshore

walkway with associated landscaping (planting, seats, lighting, signage etc). Upgraded BBQ and new public toilet facilities are proposed. The refurbishment of the historic waterfront house *Bellevue* for cafe/cultural uses is proposed, with an adjacent mooring pontoon for visiting boats.

This site also includes historic stone docks and cranes and restored small beach areas.

### "Glebe Harbour"

(former Fletchers site)

A new foreshore promenade and park approximately 7200m<sup>2</sup>, due for completion mid 2005. The site includes a 5m wide promenade, water steps and the restoration of the historic Walter Burley Griffin incinerator.

The park is being constructed by Australand and will be dedicated to Council on completion.

### Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus

In association with the Department of Education to dedicate a right-of-way along the foreshore for public access. This site includes approximately 270m of new foreshore walkway with associated landscaping (planting, seats, lighting, bike racks, signage etc).

Water access including ramps for small craft (dragon boats, kayaks, small sailing boats) and stair access to restored beach areas is proposed. The site may include restored mangrove/wetland areas providing an interpretive and educational aspect for the public and students.

[Work on] this site may be undertaken in association with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA).

### Pymont Bridge Road

A key pedestrian and cycle link, an upgrade of the footpath link to the

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## Design proposals for the promenade

General project initiatives and key proposals for the nine project sites are summarised below. Broad concepts have been developed for each site to enable a cost plan to be developed. The proposals may be refined following detailed community consultation and the design development process.

### General Project Initiatives

#### Develop a range of facilities:

The project builds on existing public open spaces and proposes a range of new foreshore park settings and waterfront recreation opportunities including "soft" water access (ramps and stairs), small boat mooring pontoons, boardwalks, rehabilitated wetland/mangrove areas, rehabilitated beach areas and facilities including picnic areas, BBQs and public toilets.

#### Access standards:

While the scale and character of the proposed "promenade" will be more intimate and detailed than that in city areas, it will provide continuous cycle and wheelchair access, and comply with Australian standards relating to equal access.

The concept proposals are based on a 3.0m wide asphalt path with a 2-3m wide strip of decomposed granite or planting between the path and the seawall.

#### Habitat creation:

The project proposes the restoration where possible of a number of natural estuarine habitats including mangroves and sea grass areas.

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Sydney Fish Market and Wentworth Park is proposed.

This site connects to the Fish Market and the SHFA Foreshore Promenade Strategy through Pyrmont to Darling Harbour and the City, as well as a light rail stop and cross city cycle and pedestrian routes.



Dragon boats at the proposed "soft" launching facility on the shores of the Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay campus.

#### Links to adjacent facilities:

The project links to major roads, bus routes, cycle routes and light rail stops. In a broader sense it links to the SHFA foreshore access strategy to the east through Pyrmont to the Circular Quay and to the west to the Waterways masterplan for Rozelle Bay.

#### Access to the water:

A range of "soft" facilities is proposed including small watercraft access ramps, mooring pontoons, water steps as well as the rehabilitation of some small beach areas.

#### Lighting and seating:

Upgraded lighting and seating will be located to provide for appropriate safety and amenity, and will comply with relevant Australian standards.

#### Natural and cultural heritage:

The project will conserve and interpret a number of historic waterfront features including stone docks, maritime machinery (winches, cranes) and seawalls of various historic periods and construction techniques. The restoration of *Bellevue* in Blackwattle Bay Park, the incinerator on Australand's "Glebe

Harbour" site, and the Jubilee Park pavilion will contribute to the project's cultural heritage.

#### Stormwater:

The project will coordinate with Council's and the EPAs Blackwattle Bay Stormwater Abatement Program and it is proposed to incorporate ecological stormwater amelioration systems at stormwater outfall points (sand filters, landscape infiltration sumps etc). These may incorporate interpretive material as part of the broader stormwater education strategy.

#### Signage:

Directional and educational/ interpretive signage, particularly at historic and rehabilitated wetland areas, will be incorporated where appropriate.



The so-called "link site" (near *Bridgewater*) looking towards *The Anchorage* and Glebe Point Road.

# From the archives

After an absence of several months we are pleased to once again publish *From the Archives*. Items are mainly selected from past *Bulletins* by the Society's archivist, Lyn Milton.

## Stop Wentworth Park being used as a car park demand residents

By TRACEY AUBIN, Civic Reporter

*Sydney Morning Herald* 22 June 1987, republished in *Bulletin* #5/87

Inner city residents have called on the State Government to restore Wentworth Park as a recreational area, rather than allow it to be used as a carpark by visitors to Darling Harbour.

The park has increasingly been used for parking, particularly during public transport strikes.

Now the 500 members, of the Glebe Society – a residents' action group interested in local history - fear the State Government is planning to allow Darling Harbour visitors to leave their cars in Wentworth Park until its own carparks are completed.

The 1,500 parking spaces in the casino proposal the State Government is still considering will not be finished in 1988.

A spokesman for the Minister for Public Works, Mr Brereton, said that Wentworth Park would only be used for parking on special occasions. This would include weekends, particularly when the First Fleet re-enactment ships and the Tall Ships came to the harbour.

By 1989 there would be 5,000 parking spaces in Darling Harbour, Mr Brereton said, and these would only rarely need to be supplemented by places such as Wentworth Park.

But residents say enough is enough, and that it is time the park was returned to the people.

The president of the Glebe Society, Ms Edwina Doe, said the Government was focusing all its attention on Darling Harbour and ignoring other potentially beautiful parks.

Over the past 50 years, the park had

increasingly been used for "vested interests" which showed little concern for the local community.

In 1880, this paper described the park as "the most attractive and beautiful of our recreation grounds, second only to the Botanic Gardens".

But then came the encroachments - greyhound racing began at Wentworth Park in 1939.

Ms Doe said letters had already been written to the State Government, but it had not guaranteed to leave the park alone. She said residents would begin collecting signatures for a petition.

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## November 1984 - #9/1984 GLEBE POINT ROAD

Following the lopping of some poplars early this year and the more recent Food Fair, together with the publicity about University Hall and its unfortunate tenants, a number of members have expressed concern about the whole of Glebe Point Road and especially the section between Parramatta Road and St Johns Road. This section contains some of the oldest buildings in Glebe, some of them carefully restored, some more irresponsibly treated and others untouched or dilapidated.

As mentioned in the October Bulletin, the Committee has written to Leichhardt Council asking them to request funding from the NSW Heritage Council for a study of this section of the road. Hopefully such a study will help to preserve what remains, and provide guidelines for future restoration and development.

Members may not realise that many of the commercial premises from St Johns Road to the Point have been created by tacking later front sections onto pre-existing Victorian housing. The Committee has also asked that wherever possible guidelines for the

Parramatta Road end of Glebe Point Road should be extended to the whole road to preserve its unity as Glebe's principal thoroughfare.

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## May 1987, #4/1987 198 - 206 ST. JOHNS ROAD

The Planning subcommittee, with the valuable assistance of Max Solling, is seeking classification of several of these buildings by the National Trust. Local residents are also working to obtain an Interim Conservation Order. The corner shops particularly are unusual and prominent. Built about 1902 they were originally a surprisingly elegant grocery and ham and beef shop (the precursor of the Germanic 'delicatessen'). Some of the original marble facing remains, now severely weathered. At first it would have been protected by an awning. Part of a deceased estate, the shops have been neglected for many years the last inhabitant being a barber who left when the buildings were-recently sold. A development application to demolish all the existing buildings and replace them with underground parking, shops and offices has been opposed by the Society.

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## June 1987, #5/1987 BIRTHDAY PARTY - SUNDAY 21st JUNE

We have reserved the front area of the Glebe Rowing Club (the room with a view) for the Society's Birthday Party-on Sunday 21st June, 12.30 for 1 pm.

The price is a very reasonable \$10 for a three-course meal - Seafood Entree, Chicken Riviera (stuffed with apricots), Cheesecake and coffee. Drinks are extra..





### **Nag's Head Hotel, Corner of St Johns Road and Lodge Street**

The pubs of Glebe are generally modest affairs, ill-suited to the grandiose ideas of the modern publican. Most of them are embedded in the residential areas that once provided their only clientele. Attempts to attract more customers from elsewhere can place a lot of pressure on nearby residents.

A year ago, Leichhardt Council refused an application from the Nag's Head to extend its hours of operation. Such applications are common and have caused much grief throughout the inner west. Restaurants typically close by ten. Those wishing to rage on are more likely to choose restaurants attached to pubs. No matter how diligently pubs supervise customers on and near their premises, the determined party person is likely to be noisy in his or her departure, which may be some distance away, given the lack of on-site parking.

So it was with dismay that residents in Forest Lodge learned that at the last minute, a whole year after extended hours were refused, the Nag's Head had decided to appeal to the Land and Environment Court. They assembled on the forty-second floor of the MLC building in Martin Place at 4pm on Tuesday, 7 October, to work out with Richard Graham, solicitor acting for the City of Sydney, how the court case would be run. The view from the forty-second floor is spectacular, sweeping straight across The Domain and Garden Island up the Harbour to the Heads, but this gathering was too preoccupied to give it a second glance.

The minutes ticked away, and still Council's solicitor did not appear. Nevertheless, it was an excellent opportunity for residents to learn about past battles and present actions, and about each other and the supportive role of The Glebe Society. After fifteen minutes of discussion and debate, we felt better informed and more united.

Finally Richard Graham appeared. The Nag's Head had made a last ditch attempt to negotiate a twelve-month trial of extended hours. The City, buoyed by the strong resident opposition, had refused point-blank. Then, in a dramatic cave-in, at five minutes to four the Nag's Head withdrew its appeal.

The residents could hardly believe their ears. Their efforts had been entirely and unexpectedly rewarded. There are many valuable things to be learnt here, ones we should all take to heart. Early, vigorous and organised action has a good chance of success. Sustained, intelligent, well-directed effort is never wasted. The existence and work of The Society is formidably vindicated by this example and many others like it.

With this success in mind, I draw your attention to another proposed development:

### **Hellenic Herald Building, 1-9 Glebe Point Road**

This marble and glass-fronted commercial building is one of the eyesores of our generally beautiful, if somewhat battered and neglected, main street. Previously I have written about apparent unauthorised work, including erection of a steel frame, clearly intended to house another storey. Now an application has been lodged for a three bedroom residence on the roof. This would bring the floor space ratio, which is already more than double that permitted for commercial buildings, to more than three times, and the height limit to be exceeded by three metres. I leave it to members to give Council their opinion of the additional impact on the streetscape, The Glebe Conservation Area and the many rare and unusual Heritage Items at the Parramatta Road end of Glebe Point Road, as well as the precedent it sets. Please tell Michael Soo, [msoo@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:msoo@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au), of your opposition to DA No D/03/00784 as soon as possible.

**- Neil Macindoe**



### **Letter to the Editor**

A couple of suggestions for the workshops on revitalising Glebe Point Road to be held in November:

#### **Bookshops in Glebe?**

Could something be made of the bookshops in Glebe – there are at least five on GPR, including the famous Gleebooks, as well as Florilegium and Louella Kerr and Lorraine Reed's Old Fine and Rare Books in St. John's Road.

#### **Entrance to Glebe**

The outside paved space at the beginning of GPR was part of a Glebe Society project, originally planned as public open space around the Jubilee Fountain, and the two historic stones, one commemorating the boundaries of the City of Sydney in the 1800s, the other Dave Sands, a local boxer. Funding for the project came from a Heritage grant from the NSW Government, matched (I think) by Leichhardt Council. A heritage architect was commissioned and provided a history of the Fountain, and suggested plans for the Fountain setting. Work was carried out by LMC, and launched by Gordon Samuels, then NSW Governor.

This space is now mostly covered in by the unattractive plastic tent of Rumours Restaurant, which houses sad looking plants and mostly unoccupied tables. Rumours is never full inside, and the dreary plastic tent is obviously not attracting customers.

Council could relinquish the rent, Rumours save the money, and Glebe could resume the public space, with maybe a few benches to enhance the newly installed flower tubs, allowing the citizenry easier access to the historic objects – effecting a much more attractive entrance to Glebe, (which was the original plan!) and allowing the University Hotel facade to be seen in all its glory.

**- Bobbie Burke**

# News and Notes

## Elizabethan Dinner

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, our fundraising Elizabethan Dinner to be held on 18th October 2003 had to be cancelled. We apologise to members for any inconvenience caused.

Our hardworking Events Team had organised an auction with prizes generously donated by Glebe businesses and members. These will be auctioned at our forthcoming Christmas Party (see booking form in this *Bulletin*).

## Glebe Street Fair

The 2003 Glebe Street Fair is on Sunday 16 November.

The Chamber of Commerce has kindly offered to share a stall with the Glebe Society at the Glebe Street Fair. The stall will include the Glebe Society, the Chamber and the Community Bank, and will show examples of the work of local artists. The Chamber of Commerce will fund the stall.

## Glebe Society Book Club?

There will be a get together to discuss Virginia Woolf's *Mrs Dalloway* at our home, 126 Hereford Street, on Tuesday 25 November starting at 7.30pm. We will supply some drinks and if you bring a plate of nibbles it should help the evening.

I have chosen *Mrs Dalloway* because it is brief, intense, readily available and likely to generate discussion. Let's try this out and see if it works. Please phone me if you would like to attend.

- John Gray (9518 7253)

## Electronic Bulletins?

The Society could, if there was sufficient demand for it, distribute soft copy *Bulletins* by email, as an alternative to the hard copies we send by mail.

So that we can gauge the potential demand, can you please phone the editor, Edwina Doe (9660 7066) if you are interested in an email Bulletin?

## Membership matters

We welcome the following recent new members to the Glebe Society:

Lesley Lynch  
Alim Zhon Kirgizbekov,  
Sherrilyn Ellen Kirgizbekov  
Bridgette Maree Meyer  
Susan Tiffin

If your friends would like to join, please give them a Membership Application Form (available on our website, [www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)).

## Cultural Heritage Projects Program

Funding for Significant Cultural Heritage Projects - Call for applications (Closing date: Friday 14 November 2003)

The Cultural Heritage Projects Program is an Australian Government program that provides financial assistance for the conservation of significant cultural heritage places.

Applications are now invited from legally incorporated not-for-profit organisations, local government authorities and private owners of heritage properties.

The program supports projects that are primarily for conservation works to significant cultural heritage places, can bring benefits beyond local, regional or state communities, and are able to be completed within 12 to 18 months.

One of the criteria for eligibility is a project to conserve a place (or places) of cultural significance entered in the Register of the National Estate (RNE) or its Interim List, or on a State/Territory Heritage Register.

Further details re eligibility and other criteria are available from the Department of Environment and Heritage, Canberra - Phone 1800 653 004 (free call) or (02) 6274 1111 (switch), fax (02) 6274 2092 or email [heritagegrants@deh.gov.au](mailto:heritagegrants@deh.gov.au).



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# For your diary ...

**Saturday 8 – Sunday 23 November**, Glebe Music Festival

**Wednesday 12 November**, 7.30pm – Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel. All members welcome

**Saturday 16 November**, Glebe Street Fair, Glebe Point Road

**Wednesday 19 November**, 7.30pm – Foreshores Briefing – Benledi meeting room, 186 Glebe Point Road

**Monday 24 November**, 5.30pm – City of Sydney

Council Meeting – Level One, Town Hall

**Tuesday 25 November**, 7.30pm – Glebe Book Club, 126 Hereford Street, Glebe. See News and Notes

**Friday 5 December**, 6pm–8pm – Glebe Society Christmas Party, on the veranda of St Scholastica's. See page 1 and enclosed booking form

**Wednesday 10 December**, 7.30pm – Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, upstairs meeting room, Toxteth Hotel. All members welcome

**Monday 15 December**, 5.30pm – City of Sydney Council Meeting – Level One, Town Hall



We are glad to publish letters or articles on any matters of interest to Glebe, any topic raised in the *Bulletin*, or any issues relating The Glebe Society.

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## Website

The Society also has a growing website ([www.glebesociety.org.au](http://www.glebesociety.org.au)) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe. The website will only flourish if members send comments and contributions to editor@glebesociety.org.au

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**Be there or be square: You can't afford to miss our  
Christmas Party and Great Raffle!**  
**Learn all about the foreshore walk plans - attend the  
briefing on 19 November.**



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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 phone the Secretary to attend a meeting.

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