



The McKeowns are Rewarded



Alison McKeown receives a bouquet from Andrew Craig. Photo: Sue Ingram.

Two honours were awarded at the Society's 35th Annual General Meeting, on Sunday 19 September.

- Ted McKeown was made an **Honorary Life Member.**
- *Alison McKeown was awarded the Glebe Society Commendation.*

Ted's citation was presented by Jeanette Knox. Andrew Craig presented him with a Certificate and a bottle of wine.

Alison's citation was presented by Edwina Doe. Andrew gave Alison a Certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

Both citations are presented in full on page 2 of this Bulletin.

Ted and Alison joined the Glebe Society in 1972, making them two of the earliest members who are still busy working on Society activities.

There were few changes to the Management Committee. Andrew Craig has completed his two years as President and for the next few months is continuing as Immediate Past President and Acting President. (His Annual Report is in the insert in this *Bulletin*.)

Bob Armstrong was elected as Vice-President. Kevin Treloar was welcomed as the new Membership convenor.

Full details of the Committee and Convenors are listed inside the back page of this Bulletin.

Dr John Hood spoke at the conclusion of the formal proceedings. Dr Hood was an anaesthetist in the Homoeopathic Hospital, now known as Benledi, where we held our AGM. While doing research for his book

about the ballerina Peggy Sager, he became aware of Madame Helen Kirsova and her connection with Glebe. Madame Kirsova bought the land for three children's playgrounds in the inner city. One of them, the third Kirsova Playground, is behind Benledi. We hope to publish the text of Dr Hood's talk in a future Bulletin and there is a report of the opening of the Erskineville Kirsova Playground in Bulletin 2/2004.

- Edwina Doe



Dr John Hood with Andrew Craig. Photo: Sue Ingram.

Glebe Society Honours List (to September 2004)

Honorary Life Members (in alphabetical order)

John Buckingham
Jim Coombs
Edwina Doe
John Hoddinott (deceased)
Jeanette Knox
Neil Macindoe
Ted McKeown
Albert Mispel
Peru Perumal
Albert Renshaw
Alan Robertson
Professor Bernard Smith
Max Solling
Tom Uren, AO
Andrew Wood

Society Commendations

Marianne von Knoblesdorff
Alison McKeown

Citations for Glebe Society Awards

Ted McKeown - Honorary Life Membership

I wish to propose Ted McKeown for the award of an honorary life membership of the Glebe Society.

Ted McKeown joined the Society in 1972, and during the subsequent thirty years he has been an active member of the Society, both as an office-bearer and, when not on the committee, a member who was always prepared to help the Society in other ways, for example in helping with the practicalities of functions, etc. He is currently serving on the Committee as Convenor for parks and open space.

Shortly after joining the Society he was a member of the Society's publications committee and editor of the Bulletin, before taking on the position of Treasurer from 1975 to 1977. As a member of the Management Committee in the 1980s he prepared various submissions for the Society: on proposed Council amalgamations, and opposing the abolition of wards by Leichhardt Municipal Council.

A major contribution to the Society was his work on the Society's Constitution. The original constitution had been amended several times, but new legal requirements demanded further revision, particularly once the Society had decided that it should become incorporated. Ted played a major role in drawing up the new constitution and in ensuring that it was legally watertight. Once the constitution was accepted, Ted was the Society's Public Officer until only a few years ago.

He was one of the Society's representatives on the Glebe Point Road Committee, a joint project with the Glebe Chamber of Commerce and Leichhardt Council, whose meetings continued over several years.

He returned to the Management Committee in the 1990s and became President for 1991 and 1992. As President he inaugurated the President's 'Meet the Glebe Society' summer lunches to which senior

representatives of Leichhardt Council, and representatives of various groups and organisations in Glebe (schools, the police, welfare groups) were invited. These were a valuable means of raising the Society's profile, developing useful contacts and sharing information and concerns among the Glebe community.

Ted was one of the first people to realise the changing nature of the problems facing the Society and the suburb. In the early days of the Society, issues were to a certain extent clear cut: opposition to planning decisions by the Council that would destroy Glebe's architectural heritage and opposition to the proposed freeways that would have demolished and divided the residential areas of Glebe. When these threats were removed or diminished with the decision to abandon the freeways and with the adoption of an improved town planning instrument by Council, the new problems likely to face Glebe were less straightforward. Developments in the CBD and in Ultimo-Pyrmont were bringing the centre of the city closer to Glebe, impacting on Glebe and bringing new pressures from developers.

Ted's clear thinking and legal acumen have been of ongoing benefit to the Society, and his advice has been sought by many of our presidents and office bearers. We have, in effect, had the benefit of a virtual consultant on legal matters (other than planning) available to us for thirty or so years. And the 'consultant' has been referred to frequently. He has, therefore, been instrumental in ensuring that the Society has maintained an appropriate balance between activism and legality. As a consequence, the Society's views, particularly in recent years, have been sought on many issues because of the balanced opinions and constructive criticisms that the Society can offer. This has been due in no small part to Ted's knowledge and wisdom.

I propose that he, accordingly, be made an Honorary Life Member of the Glebe Society on the grounds of:

* sustained service to the Society over a significant period; and

* provision of substantial, conspicuous and strategic leadership of the Society

- Jeanette Knox

Alison McKeown - Glebe Society Commendation

I wish to propose that Alison McKeown be awarded a Commendation from the Glebe Society.

Alison joined the Society in 1972 and very quickly became involved with some of the child welfare issues that concerned members of the Society at that time: child care provision, playgrounds, support for the children in care at Bidura and Royston. As well as the time she gave to these activities she was one of the people who regularly reported them in the Bulletin.

When the Third Runway debate started, Alison convened the Kingsford-Smith Airport and Glebe Group, and Aircraft Noise and Safety Group. In these capacities she devoted considerable time to the reading and understanding of the lengthy and complex documents that were issued on these topics, wrote submissions on behalf of the Society, wrote many letters, carried out letterboxing, and attended numerous meetings and demonstrations that she also regularly reported to the Bulletin. She is currently the Society's expert on polluting smokestacks.

In addition, Alison has been one of the 'unsung' workers who have contributed time and effort to the organising of street stalls, working behind the scenes to ensure the success of social functions of the Society, making her home available for coffee mornings and other meetings and functions of the Society.

I believe she more than meets the criterion of sustained service to the Society over an extended period.

- Edwina Doe

We can't build the future without properly knowing the past

Extracts from an article by Jacqui Goddard in the SMH, 14 September 2004

Australia has come late in world terms to the idea that we should have a regulatory heritage 'list' or, in our case, 'many lists' of places that deserve our protection. We should have learnt from those who have gone before us, yet we seem determined to make our listing as complicated as possible.

At all levels there is confusion and duplication, coupled with a bureaucracy that seems to clear a path for development.

Perhaps it comes with maturity. In England and Scotland, for example, listing is seen as a part of everyday life, not as something to be railed against. But the regulations that we criticise in Australia come with penalties, yet very little promise.

The promise that listing on the State Heritage Register means that the item 'is eligible for financial incentives' is not backed by available dollars.

The State Government celebrates the recognition of our heritage, but does not equip the NSW Heritage Office, whose task it is to oversee the system and administer the grants, with sufficient funds to do the job thoroughly.

In Britain, for example, up to 50 per cent of the repair and maintenance is readily funded. Here, any grant, if awarded, is little more than nominal.

Coupled with this is a community complacency - or acceptance - that once something is on the 'list' the system will protect it. Not so.

In recent times, the National Trust has fought a number of battles to protect places that have had their significance acknowledged for a long time. ...

... It may come as a surprise that the National Trust is questioning the value of Heritage lists after lobbying for them for so long. The National Trust began its own listings in 1961

and continues to add places to its list, but it is not split into local, state and national, nor does it come with regulations, political pressure and limitations attached.

In recent times, the National Trust Register has been called upon more and more by local groups and the courts as an independent voice about the importance of places to the community. ...

... Regulatory listing must be supported in real financial terms by the Government. It is a recognition of our maturity as a nation and our understanding of where we came from and where we are going

Jacqui Goddard is the conservation director at the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

Grand New Hall For St Schol's

There was a terrific turnout on Sunday 12 September for the blessing and opening of the new multi-purpose hall at St Scholastica's College. The hall was named to honour and commemorate the late Trixie Forest Whaling, an ex-student who graduated from the College in 1922. Her will contained a substantial bequest to her old school, which got the appeal for the new hall off to a flying start. As a result the Principal, Mrs Loretto Richardson, was able to report that the College is carrying no debt burden as a result of this major new facility.

The hall was blessed by Sr Sonia Wagner, Superior of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, who unveiled a commemorative plaque. The pupils at the College turned on some marvelous instrumental, singing, dancing and audio-visual performances, reflecting the multitude of uses to which the hall will be put.

The architect, David Fleeting, and the builder, Peter Mateffy, are to be congratulated on a spacious and airy building which does credit to its site. There are truly amazing and unexpected views over Glebe and Annandale from the hall, and the building has been thoughtfully

designed to take into account these views and the natural light that floods into the building.

St Schol's has always been a good friend of the Glebe Society and a welcome member of our community. We congratulate the College on its fine new facility

-Ted McKeown

You will be able to see the new Hall, and enjoy a talk by Max Solling. See below.

Talk - The Business of Building Glebe

A special talk for members has been arranged by the Heritage & History Subcommittee. Max Solling will explore the transition of Glebe from half a dozen huge estates in 1841 (Bishopthorpe, St Phillips, Toxteth Park Estate, Lyndhurst, etc) to the suburb's present form which was largely completed in the period 1870-90.

Max will discuss the subdivision of these estates and how construction was financed. He will describe the landowners, landlords, surveyors, architects and builders and how they shaped the Glebe we know today. With each largely 'doing their own thing' and without overarching planning, the surprising result is an architecturally cohesive model which has stood the test of time.

This talk by Max Solling, who has been commissioned by the City of Sydney to write a history of Glebe, will be of significant interest to members and those researching house histories.

The venue will be the Studio Rooms in the new Multi-Purpose Hall at St Scholastica's. (This Hall is an extension of the old gymnasium - voters will know it as one of Glebe's polling places.)

Date: Wednesday 20 October at 7.30 pm. RSVP by 15 October.

Cost: \$8/\$5, includes refreshments.

Bookings are essential - see the enclosed form.

- Liz Simpson-Booker

Planning Matters



Max Factor Building, 431 Glebe Point Road

The saga of this ex-industrial building continues with a further proposal, this one for sixty-eight dwellings within the existing envelope (i.e. no extensions are proposed, such as the additional floors in previous proposals).

However, this number of dwellings still requires excavation of a second floor of parking, and this, together with the hazardous nature of the traffic arrangements and impacts on nearby residents, means the Society will continue to argue for further reduction.

University Motel, 25 Arundel Street

Members will recall the attempts to convert Glebe motels to separate dwellings as a result of pressure from the banks. This motel was unsuccessful, and has come up with another scheme, which involves building a series of new units on top of the existing Arundel Street block and giving them gables so they look a little less out of place.

One reason why this solution is being attempted is the failure of the existing building to meet BCA fire safety requirements, and these are proposed to be met with the new construction. You will not be surprised to learn that the proposal breaches both density and height limits, quite apart from its aesthetic limitations, and the Society will object.

Federation Semis in Ross Street

One of the Society's recent successes was to prevent the demolition of this uniform row of semis, which form an important element of streetscape when approaching from the west, and their replacement by townhouses.

Now their stone front fences have been restored (with presumably some other renovation as well) and they are being offered for sale. As

the previous owner was Harold Park Paceway, this is a positive move, and if they are secured by a variety of owners, their continued survival is much more likely.

The more things change.....

Four years ago Leichhardt Council sold the women's toilet block behind Fuzes' Pharmacy (corner of St Johns and Glebe Point Roads) to raise revenue.

Now at last a proposal has been lodged for the tiny site. It is for (wait for it!) a café. There are two mature trees on the site, but only one is marked for preservation. The Society will try to save the other one as well.

What to do about the Neighbours

Nowadays we have wonderful neighbours, but when we first moved to Glebe in the 1970s the people next door were a little old-fashioned. They considered themselves older and wiser (they were certainly the former) and took a dim view of any vegetation they couldn't eat. Hence they would lean over the boundary fence and lop off anything incautious enough to grow to that height. They were also devotees of recycling corrugated iron, generally about five o'clock in the morning.

Nothing can put a greater strain on neighbourly relations than renovations and extensions. It is really important that you cultivate good relations with your neighbours, not only for general wellbeing and security, but also so you learn early what they are up to. Dropping plenty of hints about what a quiet area Glebe is, and how much you enjoy the peace, privacy and sunlight of your backyard, can quickly nip a lot of disruptive activity in the bud.

We should remember that Glebe is now very expensive, and therefore people are much more inclined to extend their dwellings than to move. Real estate is overwhelmingly

Australians' favourite form of investment, and the media encourage people to buy houses with a view to extending and modernizing them.

The Society is working with the City Council to strengthen Conservation controls: heritage was a low priority for Leichhardt, and its Town Plan was designed largely to control new building in the suburbs further west. In the meantime, make it your special responsibility to ensure your neighbours know how much we value our traditional dwellings, and how restoring them is Glebe's favourite sport. Show them your own sensitive restoration; draw their attention to other examples in the street, and also the restoration of public buildings, so they know the Council takes a keen interest. Praise them for the research they have done on their house's original character, and offer to lend them books on the subject.

Talk to them about the responsibilities of living in the inner city, and the need to show consideration for others; about living in a Conservation Area, and the beauty and benefits it brings to us all.

At the slightest hint they might be renovating, encourage them to talk at length about it and show you their plans. Few people can resist the flattering attention. Always recommend established, genuine heritage architects (there are plenty of frauds and shonky builders around) and encourage them to spend up big for the best result. Giving them your opinion at this stage will help them avoid expensive changes later.

It is always difficult to disagree with people with whom you live in close proximity. However, it is better to disagree (as politely as possible) at the planning stage, just as it is better to formally object than to be

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badly affected by adverse changes. You have to accept this responsibility; you cannot hand it on to anyone else, though sometimes you can get the support of your other neighbours.

Similarly, if you are going to be away for a long time, it is common sense to authorise a responsible person to attend to your Council mail, especially if an adjoining property has changed hands or a neighbour has dropped any hint of renovating. A letter authorising objections to be lodged on your behalf is simple to write and can save you a lot of trouble later.

- Neil Macindoe

(Neil will be walking in Eastern Europe and Italy over the next month. Derek Barton will deal with Planning issues until his return.)



Heritage....in haste.

Briefly, we report the formation of 'The Glebe Urban Research Association', a small group of volunteers with new rooms in Glebe Town Hall to hold all their maps, photos, theses, journals, etc. It will be a great resource for all at Glebe. We are walking the streets and visually assessing all that we see, not only to enlarge and enhance 'Glebe's Treasures' but also to suggest to Council buildings with potential for heritage listing.

History Week was celebrated in Glebe Town Hall on Sunday 12 September with displays of old maps, rate books, Sands Directories, some marvellous photos from the 1970s and a talk by Max Solling. The Heritage Group took part, giving out membership forms and selling Walking Guides.

- David Mander Jones



Photo:
Mari-Luise
Agius

The sale of Badde Manors may have happened by the time you read this letter, which Camille sent to the Glebe Society, the Council and other organisations on 16 September. However we must make sure that the new owners understand the significance of their purchase.

I am writing to you in regard to the imminent sale of a prominent business and property on Glebe Point Road, the cafe known as Badde Manors.

First let me emphasise that I have no formal connection with the Badde Manors, other than as a customer who has loved the cafe for over ten years. Like many people, I was first a patron as a student of Sydney University, and then later as a resident of Glebe. Badde Manors has become a firm icon of Glebe over the past twenty years, a status backed up by its appearance in newspaper articles and at least one book. (*Cafes Of The World*, Phantom Books New Zealand 1997). It is a community meeting place, and a vibrant, unique visual feature that has come to typify Glebe Point Road.

After talking to workers at the cafe, I was very disturbed to hear that the chances of it remaining open in its current form are slim. Only a few potential buyers are interested in maintaining the cafe in its current format, while another wants to completely strip it and turn it into a new branch of a fast food chain.

While the City of Sydney Council of course has no jurisdiction over what an owner decides to do with his or her business, the fabric of Badde

Badde Manors

Manors, at the very least, qualifies for some form of heritage protection. To quote the Revised Burra Charter of 1999 (The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance):

'Places of cultural significance enrich people's lives, often providing a deep and inspirational sense of connection to community and landscape, to the past and to lived experiences'.

This describes the cafe more than accurately.

I am writing to urge the council to consider the passage of heritage controls on, at very least, the physical fabric of Badde Manors. The idea of transforming a vibrant, successful, Glebe icon into yet another anonymous chain store fills me with dread, and I'm sure I'm not alone, but I understand that such a thing is out of the council's hands. However, the council can help to preserve something of the physical uniqueness of the cafe building itself should its purpose be altered.

Glebe has recently seen an explosion of nondescript chain stores, which drain the area of its character and give visitors no good reason to shop at the once distinctive Glebe precinct in preference to countless other suburban shopping strips. I greatly admire Lord Mayor Clover Moore's vision of a 'city of villages'. This vision is negated unless we fight strongly to maintain the unique character of our local communities. I ask that the City of Sydney Council do anything it can to assist in this fight.

- Camille Scaysbrook

Who Lived in Your Street?

A Real Bastard?

The historian Lord Acton once famously remarked that all power tends to corrupt.

On being asked why he had gone to live in England barrister Geoffrey Robertson replied that being then interested in criminal law, he had to leave New South Wales because all the local criminals were either in parliament or in the police force; an understandable exaggeration given the history of corruption in state politics going back at least to the days of the NSW Corps.

Robin William Askin, Premier of NSW for the then record term of 1965 to 1975, preferred to be known as Bob and changed his name by deed poll to Robert in 1971 before he recommended himself for a knighthood. He is probably best remembered for a comment he was alleged to have made when acting as host to Prime Minister Harold Holt and President Johnson on the occasion of the latter's visit to Australia, when the involvement of Australia in the Vietnam War was becoming increasingly unpopular. He is said to have told his chauffeur when the motorcade was confronted by protesters to 'run over the bastards'. In information provided by him for the Biographical Register of the New South Wales Parliament he gave his date of birth as 4 April, 1907 but in the absence of a birth certificate there is no documentary confirmation available. The entry for Sir Robert Askin in *The Australian Encyclopaedia* gives his year of birth as 1909 and place of birth as Stuart Town NSW, his mother's home town.

He was one of three children of William James Askin and Ellen Laura Halliday who were married in Glebe on September 29, 1916. It has been stated that the Askin family lived in Bridge Road and Cowper Street but I was unable to confirm this. The Electoral Roll for the division of West Sydney in 1916 records an E L Askin, home duties, and a W J Askin, tram driver, living at 29 Talfourd Street, Glebe. Earlier entries going back to 1909 record the Askins living at the



Photo from David Hickie's book 'The Prince and the Premier'.

same address although the 1909 entry gives William's occupation as tram conductor and records an Annie Askin, possibly WJ's mother, at the same address. In 1925 Askin RW appears with his parents at 11 Lyndhurst Street while Annie is still in Talfourd Street. Both addresses are quite modest two storey terrace houses.

R W Askin went to Glebe Public School and won a scholarship from there to Sydney Technical High School but as there are no extant records of enrolments at either school covering this period it is impossible to ascertain the exact dates of his attendance. He passed his Intermediate Certificate at the age of fifteen and on leaving school worked as a clerk in the New South Wales Government Savings Bank, moving to the Rural Bank in 1931. On being transferred to the Manly branch of the bank he met Mollie Underhill whom he married in 1937, moving from his home in Lyndhurst Street to Manly. In 1940 he enlisted in the AIF, serving in the South West Pacific and rising to the rank of sergeant.

His uncle, CR Halliday, had won preselection for the ALP for the seat of Drummoyne and Askin's working class background had been one of his strengths. But a chance meeting with his old CO Lieutenant-Colonel Robson, then a Liberal MLA for Vaucluse, led to his joining the Liberal Party in 1947. He won the seat of Collaroy for the Liberals in 1950,

became deputy leader in 1954 and was elected unopposed as leader of the party in 1959.

David Hickie, in his 1985 book *The Prince and the Premier*, records that Askin played hooker in the 1928 Glebe reserve grade rugby league team and in his twenties played for Glebe Football Club which was then in the Sydney first grade competition, so there can be no doubt of his close association with the suburb.

Askin's acute sensitivity about the circumstances of his birth may appear exaggerated in our more tolerant 21st century but in the early decades of the last century such origins were so strongly stigmatised that even Askin's closest associates were never made aware of them. Hickie makes no reference to Askin's illegitimacy, perhaps because he was unaware of it or because he judged it to be irrelevant. This doesn't mean that he approved of Askin - far from it. The Prince of the title of his book was Perce Galea, a highly respected and generous member of the Catholic community in Sydney who claimed to have been made a Knight of the Order of St John by the Pope and who appears in the book in a photograph taken together with Cardinal Gilroy and the then Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies. He need concern us no longer except to say that he became very rich on the proceeds of illegal gambling casinos whose operation was known to and tacitly condoned by the police and is alleged to have paid \$100,000 per annum directly to Askin to ensure he could continue to break the law with impunity.

Askin's role in this corrupt regime was never exposed. He was succeeded as Premier by Tom Lewis and briefly by Sir Eric Willis who lost the 1976 election to Neville Wran. It wasn't until many years later that another premier set up the Independent Commission Against Corruption and, by a delicious irony, became one of its first victims.

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Askin was never charged and nothing was ever proved against him but if only half the allegations made against him by Hickie are true then he was certainly one of the most corrupt premiers that NSW has ever had. He died of pneumonia in 1981 leaving an estate valued at \$1,985,000.

Of more interest to Glebe residents is the role he played, or failed to play, in the preservation of our suburb. Viewers of that superb English television program, Yes Minister, will be aware of the power of the bureaucracy. In Tasmania power, in more than one sense, lay with the Hydro-Electric Commission. In NSW it was the Department of Main Roads. It had plans to build two expressways, the North-Western and Western, through Glebe. These roads, as well as severely disrupting the lives of residents whose homes would have been demolished, would have divided Glebe into three parts and totally destroyed it as a community. Fortunately there were enough people affected by these proposals to arouse opposition to them which was eventually successful; but that is another story. The point is that ultimate responsibility for the expressway project rested with the state government and more particularly with the cabinet and Askin as Premier.

Having been somewhat unkind to our local boy made good, I feel obliged to add that I don't believe that corruption is a monopoly of either side of politics or of any particular era. *Plus ça change plus c'est la même chose.*

- Ian Edwards

Who Lived in Your Street?

This competition is open until Bulletin 10/2004, at the end of November. See Bulletin 4/2004 for details, or contact the Editor.



The 'Old' foreshore.
Photo from City of Sydney
Image Library Website

FORESHORE BBQ TO MEET OUR COUNCILLORS

***Saturday 16 October 2004
12 noon – 2 pm***

***Venue: Under the giant fig tree in
Pope Paul VI Reserve (Bicentennial Park)
at the end of Glebe Point Road.***

We are celebrating:

- the acquisition of the Anchorage site
- commencement of engineering works to make the completion of the Foreshore Walk a reality

This is a special opportunity for ALL Glebe residents to meet Lord Mayor Clover Moore and our City Councillors

PLEASE JOIN US!

Notes :

- You are encouraged to walk, as parking may be difficult.
- Bring rugs, chairs, water and sunscreen.
- Don't bring alcoholic drinks. There is a 'no alcohol' policy in the Park.
- Wet weather arrangements will be posted on our website:
www.glebesociety.org.au.
- Alternatively ring Jan on 9660 2698 or 0408 207 784
- More info: Jan Wilson 9660 2698 or 0408 207 784

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING

RSVP: 11 October 2004. A Booking Form is enclosed.

Overview of the Sydney Slipways Proposal - a Major Threat to Glebe

* The development is for a purpose built, vessel repair and maintenance facility – this is known as a slipway

* Its estimated cost is over \$20 million

* The Waterways lease to Sydney Slipways is 32 years

* The Development Application was lodged in August 2004

* Commencement of construction is early 2005

* Completion date is some 18 months later

* The size of development is over 18,000 sq metres, that's bigger than 2 ½ football fields.

* The main building, being the marine repair facility, will sit prominently on the foreshore directly under the Anzac Bridge.

* This building is to be 19 metres high at its tallest point. That's more than twice the height of the existing Waterways building. The length of the building is to be 80 metres long and that's nearly the length of a football field.

* This main building at its tallest point would sit just 6 metres below the deck of the Anzac Bridge. This equates to 75% of the space under the bridge being occupied by a building.

* They are proposing a 6 metre high wall along the southern boundary. This equates to 25% of the space under the Anzac Bridge being occupied by a wall.

* The building will significantly impact on the skyline and cityscape from the foreshores and affect the aesthetics of the Anzac Bridge.

* The Slipway's capacity is for vessels up to:

- 40 metres in length
- 9 metres in width
- and 250 tonnes by weight

* That's about the size of the Lady Northcote Ferry that runs between Circular Quay and Taronga Park Zoo.

* Public fuel pumps would be installed and accidents will happen. That means fuel spillages will occur, on a waterways system that receives little flushing, spelling disaster for our community.

* Public pump-out facilities - this is where you empty the vessels' sewage tanks to a land based facility. As more and more boats will be required to have sewage tanks, more and more people will use this facility and with increased usage, accidents are sure to follow.

* 24 hours a day, by 7 days a week, operations are proposed. Noise, as you well know, travels extremely well over water. Some of you will remember the noise caused by the building of the Anzac Bridge. Sydney Slipways want to maximise their financial return at the expense of our sleep and our environment.

* I have worked in many slipways around the world and the by-products of such places are not containable by the nature of the work. The people who work in such places, often don't treat it as if it is their back yard; because the primary aim is to make a dollar, not look after our environment.

* Boat access to this slipway forces vessels through the narrow opening of the old Glebe Island Bridge. This will become a bottleneck for traffic and the chance of accidents will increase. With accidents comes an increase chance of loss of life and the spillage of oils and fuels on our waterways.

* With the increase in motorised traffic on the water, the general level of pollutants from engines will increase, again deteriorating the quality of water and the enjoyment of those who use NON-motorized crafts, which seek refuge in these protected waterways.

* In summary one can see the upside for Sydney Slipways being Dollars and a huge downside for the rest of the community when considering :

- Increased pollution of our waterways
- Increased noise for local residents
- Increased danger for the existing 'passive' boat enthusiast, as they all sit much lower in the water than motorised vessels.

* Also there will be

- The visual obliteration of the 'Three Bridges' View
- The significant visual impact on the 'The Anzac Icon'
- And the loss of tranquillity and views around the Bays Foreshore Walk

All of these factors will seriously contribute to a great loss for our community

- Mark Dent



Dear Editor

Walking home Sunday evening I watched Greens electoral workers nailing posters to poles in Ross Street. Three phone calls Monday morning and this visual pollution was down. Special thanks are due to Nicole at the Council Neighbourhood Centre, Tracey at Enforcement and Alistair at the Australian Electoral Commission. There is something ironic about Greens visually polluting. What next? The Liberals will support Medicare? Labor will sell Telstra?

- John Gray



Hunter Baillie Spring Festival of Music

Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church, Annandale, proudly presents its eleventh Spring Festival of Music season, with proceeds going to the restoration of its historic 1890 organ.

Future concerts, in the Church on the corner of Johnston and Collins Streets, are on:

Sunday 31 October, 3pm.

Sunday 14 November, 3pm.

Please see the website for further details:

<http://www.users.bigpond.com/hunterbaillie/2004%20Season.htm>

The 15th Annual Glebe Music Festival, 7 to 28 November 2004

This month we feature the saxophonist Jason Xanthoudakis. He will be performing at Margaretta Cottage on Saturday 20 November at the concert which starts at 8pm, after performances by the woodwind trio Swirl and the guitar/piano duo Simon Powis and Jeanell Carrigan. Jason is very active in the field of contemporary music and encourages composers to write music for the saxophone. Last year he performed at the World Saxophone Congress XIII at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis in the USA. Here in Glebe he will perform modern sonatas for saxophone and contemporary avant-garde works, including Australian works. Further details at www.glebemusicfestival.com and on (02)9746 7738.

- David McIntosh

PS. Volunteers are still required to serve afternoon tea in exchange for a free ticket at the Great Hall concert on Sunday 7 November at 2.30pm.

Sydney Harbour

Shelter for ships, people

Cook, Phillip, five days later La Perouse arrived

How nearly I was born to the sounds of French

Too late, the French brought scientists to explore this ancient land

Long inhabited.

Phillip brought captives,

Political activists convicted for seeking a better life,

The starving seeking food,

Victims of violence, some perpetrators too

Captives and captors

Sharing genes, rarely love, displacing indigenes

Seeking harbour, succour beside shark-rich Sydney Harbour.

Can we give harbour to other groups

Seeking sanctuary beside our embracing Harbour?

They were born not to the sounds of English

Yet they share a history similar to Phillip's colonists.

But now our own invader – the developer – alienates

Public land from public use.

Untrammelled views to the Anzac and Harbour Bridges disappearing.

The comfy bistro replaced by grandiose apartments

No more bangers and mash, listening to the water lapping under the window,

The enticement of eggs, bacon, mushrooms, tomato cooked to order

The fragrance of coffee, watching rowers sculling past

The joy of casualness, of timber beams hewn long past

Sensuous.

- Marg Sheppard

Environmentally Friendly Hessian Bags

The Glebe Society Hessian bags are now on sale. They cost \$8.50 each if you buy one or two, and \$8 each if you buy three or more (give them to your friends).

Bags are available at all Glebe Society functions and from the Society's Stall at the Glebe Street Fair on Sunday 21 November.

But don't wait until then - ring Fay Mander Jones on 9552 4172 straight away with your order.



Photo: Sue Ingram.

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

All members are invited to meet for dinner in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month, to meet and eat with other people who live in Glebe.

The next 'Thirsty Thursday' dinner is on 7 October at The Nag's Head, in St Johns Road. No bookings are needed – just turn up at 7pm. We pay for our own meals and there is no BYOG.

We will also meet at The Nag's Head on Thursday 4 November.

Reminder - Change of venue

Glebe Society Management Committee meetings for the remainder of 2004 will be held at the Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. All members are welcome.

Welcome to new members

The following people were accepted at the September Management Committee meetings. We look forward to seeing them at future Glebe Society functions.

* Annette & Joseph Fliegner

* Stuart Ewings

Glebe Week 'a Wonderful Week'

Gay Kalnins, of the Glebe Chamber of Commerce, reports that the Glebe Week, from 12 - 19 September, was a great success. The two pub crawls were particularly well attended.

Now we can look forward to the Glebe Street Fair on Sunday 21 November 9 (the 'traditional' third Sunday in November).

DA Watch

We must all be aware of Development Proposals that affect Glebe.

Go to the Homepage of the City of Sydney, www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au. Then look at Development in the City to see a list of ALL current DAs on display.

- Jan Wilson

Sydney's indigenous history

The City of Sydney now have a section on their website called Barani which provides an indigenous history of Sydney city - www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/barani.

Barani is an aboriginal word of the Eora - the original inhabitants of where Sydney City now stands. It means 'yesterday'. The site includes history, a timeline, biographies, a glossary with interactive map of place names in the City and much more...

- Liz Simpson-Booker



Come to...

The Glebe Society's

2004

Christmas Drinks

at

The Glebe Rowing Club

Ferry Road

Enjoy a Fine View Over the Waters Of Blackwattle Bay

As You Celebrate With

Wine, Sparkling Wine, Mineral Water or Orange Juice,

Delicious Finger Food, Christmas Cake

and

The Great Glebe Society Raffle

on

Friday, 3 December

From 6pm to 8pm

There will be a Booking Form in the next *Bulletin*.

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Councillors

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Forest Lodge Public School

Home of The Glebe
Society Archives

Principal: Mrs Elva Salter Phone 9660 3530

For your diary ...

Tuesday 5 October, 6pm+ - Glebe Night. Call Glebe Chamber of Commerce, 9552 1546, for details

Wednesday 6 October, 7pm, Glebe Point Residents' Meeting, Benledi.

Thursday 7 October, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road.

Wednesday 13 October, 7.30pm - Glebe Society Management Committee Meeting, The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street. Note change of address. All members welcome.

Saturday 16 October, 12 noon - Foreshore BBQ - Under the Giant Fig Tree, Pope Paul VI Reserve (end of Glebe Point Road). Book now.

Wednesday 20 October, 7.30pm - Talk by Max Solling: 'The Business of Building Glebe' - Studio Rooms, St Scholastica's. Book now.

Wednesday 27 October, 7pm - Eastern Precinct Residents' Group - Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.

Tuesday 2 November, 6pm+ - Glebe Night. Call Glebe Chamber of Commerce, 9552 1546, for details.

Thursday 4 November, 7pm - 'Thirsty Thursday' - Dinner at the Nags Head Hotel, St Johns Road.

Sunday 21 November - Glebe Street Fair.

Contacting The Glebe Society

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Website

The Society has a growing website (www.glebesociety.org.au) for the information of members and anyone with an interest in Glebe.

The website will only flourish if members use the site. Send contributions or comments to webmaster@glebesociety.org.au

The Bulletin

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 to the Glebe Society. Write to the address above or email editor@glebesociety.org.au

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Bulletin Deadline

The next edition of the Bulletin will be published in October. The deadline for contributions is **Saturday 23 October**.

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Joint (2 people, one address)	\$55
Household (more than 2 adults and/or children, one address)	\$60
Concession (student or pensioner)	\$20
Business or institution	\$110

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.

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