



Our Bays, Our Say



The Bays Precinct (clockwise from right): Blackwattle Bay, Rozelle Bay, White Bay and Johnstons Bay. Picture courtesy of SHFA.

Our Bays, Our Say is the theme for a public meeting which aims to set the future direction for development of the foreshores in Glebe and nearby areas. The meeting has been arranged by community groups including the Glebe Society and representing Pyrmont, Ultimo, Glebe, Annandale and Balmain. It will be held at the Bistro in the Wentworth Park grandstand at 7pm on Wednesday, 7 July (see notice on page 3).

‘We want to make this meeting a high profile event to strengthen our capacity to influence the one-off developments that are already approved by Government,’ said the Convenor of the Blackwattle Cove Coalition (BCC) and chair of the meeting, John Brooks. ‘We also need to keep alive the long-awaited commitment by the Government to move towards an integrated and far more strategic approach to planning for the Bays Precinct.’

‘We have a once in a century opportunity to do something wonderful with 80 hectares of publicly owned land, five kilometres of Sydney Harbour foreshore and major heritage items

with exciting adaptive potential, most notably the White Bay Power Station and the Glebe Island Bridge.

‘We must not allow Government or others’ interests to squander this opportunity to properly plan a major phase in the ongoing transition of Sydney Harbour to its post-industrial future.’

The community campaign for the Bays Precinct grew out of a decision by the State Government to establish a Government task force to develop a plan for the Bays Precinct. In addition to the foreshores from Pyrmont to White Bay the precinct includes the disused White Bay power station, the Rozelle railway marshalling yards, and the former car ferry wharves.

In June 2009, the Minister’s Bays Precinct Community Reference Group (CRG) was formed to provide formal advice to Government. On 1 March 2010 the group delivered a set of strong planning principles for the Bays and, in addition, a preliminary set of ideas for future integrated uses of the Bays Precinct consistent with these principles.

What’s coming soon

Wednesday 7 July, 7pm – Our Bays, Our Say, The Bistro, Wentworth Park. See page 3.

Sunday 1 August, 10am to 12 noon, Tree Planting, Paddy Gray Park, Hereford Street.

Sunday 29 August, 10.30am -1.30pm
- Glebe Society Annual General Meeting - *Benledi*. See page 7.

Where to find more information

An article by Lesley Lynch about the Bays campaign was published in Bulletin 3/2010 and is available, with links to the CRG report and executive summary, on the Glebe Society website (www.glebesociety.org.au/?p=3006).

In addition, hard copies of the executive summary are available by emailing secretary@glebesociety.org.au.

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In its report the CRG urges the Government to put a hold on one-off, ad hoc developments until an integrated vision/plan for the Bays can be developed and to ensure that the one-off developments that are to go ahead (e.g. the passenger cruise terminal proposed for White Bay, the Bridge Road wharves, the Fish Market and Bank Street developments) are implemented in a way that is consistent with the CRG planning principles.

The organisers of the 7 July meeting believe they have done well to have 'hung in' during a sometimes difficult consultative process and to have achieved a wide consensus around this advice. They now face the formidable task of persuading the Government to act on it.

Glebe Society President Lesley Lynch said that now that the CRG had been disbanded, the community groups expected the Government to reconstitute an effective community advisory committee as part of its promised Stage 2 process in the second half of 2010. 'But there does not seem to be much clarity yet about what this Stage 2 will constitute,' she said. 'In the interim, we have begun post-CRG campaigning.

'The public meeting on 7 July is being organised by community groups that participated in the CRG. They include The Glebe Society, Pyrmont Action, Pyrmont Progress, Blackwattle Cove Coalition, Balmain Association, An-nandale Association, Sydney University Women's Rowing and the White Bay Joint Steering Committee.

'At the meeting we will seek community support for a resolution demanding that the Government:

- a. establish Stage 2 of the Bays Precinct Process with effective community input, and leading to a strategic plan;
- b. apply CRG Principles when considering projects which have been given initial approval (eg the cruise passenger terminal - wherever it is; Bank Street; the Bridge Road wharves development in Blackwattle Bay); and
- c. establish a dedicated Bays Precinct Authority.

'It won't be easy,' said Lesley. 'But the time for action is now, and we need

wholehearted community support to make it work.'

Some significant points from the CRG Principles

Integrated Future Planning

- No more one-off, ad hoc planning decisions by State Government or other planning authorities.
- All future planning and development decisions relating to the Bays Precinct to be on the basis of the agreed principles and an integrated strategic plan for the whole Precinct incorporating a long term (about 20 years) vision.

Priority and Precedence for the Public Good

- Protect remaining public ownership of foreshores and harbour from further alienation by sale or long term lease for private use and restore headlands and heads of bays to the public.
- The Bays Precinct (as a part of Sydney Harbour) is to be recognised as a public resource, owned by the public, to be protected for the public good.
- The Bays Precinct foreshore lands to remain in public ownership for the benefit of the local and wider community.
- Leases on publicly owned lands and buildings limited to medium term

(about 30 years) except where the lease provides for public use.

Access, Open Space and Recreation

- Creation of continuous public access to the foreshore (except where precluded by health, safety or security issues) including open space corridors for pedestrians and cyclists along the waterfront, wharves, the White Bay powerhouse and the Rozelle railway yards, as a vital part of the planning process.
- The setback of any development fronting the Bays with a building line of not less than 20 metres from the foreshore.

Housing

- Exclude private housing from direct foreshore frontage and restrict housing to a lower order priority within the Precinct.
- Housing is considered to be a lower order priority within the Precinct (except for within the Rozelle train yards site).

Built Form and Design

Ensure development manifests design excellence by:

- Developing/redeveloping at a compatible scale at interfaces with the adjacent neighbourhoods.
- Ensure the bulk, scale and location of buildings consider local views into, over, through and from within the Precinct, and conserve and, where possible, extend significant views.



The ruined coal bunker viewed from the Fish Market. This is one of the foreshore sites approved for development which should have the CRG planning principles applied before final development approval is granted. Photo: Bruce Davis

Planning Matters

Bellevue, 55 Leichhardt Street

I should have mentioned in my May report that thanks are also owing to those who, unable to attend on the night, responded to the President's email and took the trouble to write in favour of the proposed cafe. Originally the planner's report listed twenty-one objections and only eighteen in support. The many emails sent at the last minute significantly shifted the balance in favour of approval with extended hours. The City proposes to call for expressions of interest in about two weeks.

Harold Park

I have managed to secure a number of documents relating to the transfer of the Tramsheds to the Paceway. Generally they confirm the broad outline of the research previously done by Ted McKeeown, but add a great deal more detail. I am hopeful we will be able to use them as evidence to secure a fair deal for the community on the Tramsheds.

Following the public meeting, the Harold Park Working Party met with the City's Strategic Planners to press for the implementation of the resolution which

we approved. I am currently drafting a response to that meeting in the hope we will be able to secure changes to the Government Architect Office proposal along the lines of our resolution.

On the next page of this *Bulletin* is an article by Andrew Craig about some of the problems with development at Harold Park, especially financial ones. It is worth noting that these financial problems apply generally. They help to explain why the efforts of the State Government to increase the amount of housing by so-called planning reforms have been largely ineffective. The difficulties of securing loans for development has long been known, but commentators, including columnists such as Ross Gittins, prefer to ignore them. We should be wary of any claims that relaxing standards or speeding up the process is necessary. Regulation is not the reason why there is a shortage of housing, nor an explanation of its increasing costs.

Former Russells Store, 53-55 Glebe Point Road

With some minor modifications, Thomas Dux, a subsidiary of Woolworths akin to Harris Farm, has made a further

application to open at this site. The Society has asked that no trolleys that can be removed from the shop should be allowed, and the exterior should respect the heritage character of the building and the streetscape.

31 Glebe Street

No sooner was the ink dry on my paragraph about development and heritage items in Glebe Street than an application was made that contravenes Council's Heritage DCP. Naturally, the Society has lodged an objection.

Advertising Bus Shelter, Glebe Town Hall

Advertising is prohibited in residential areas and adjacent to Heritage Items, so accordingly the Society has objected to this proposal. Of course, if it can be shown residents want the shelter the Society will support it, but without the advertising.

- Neil Macindoe

Barangaroo rally this Saturday

The Barangaroo Action Group (BAG) has organised a rally to protest against the Government's plans for Barangaroo South this Saturday (26 June).

BAG says:

'Stop the NSW Government and Lend Lease from plundering Sydney Harbour.

'Come and hear why the Lend Lease plan is a disaster for Sydney. Tell the NSW Government and Lend Lease that Sydney wants:

- buildings set back from a harbour foreshore park
- no buildings in or on harbour waters
- a cruise ship terminal within the CBD at Barangaroo, and
- open and transparent planning process.

'All that is necessary for the triumph of evil [over development] is that good men [and women] do nothing (with apologies to Edmund Burke).'

11am, 26 June 2010
47 Hickson Road, Millers Point

Our Bays, Our Say

How do you want this significant part of Sydney Harbour to look in the future?

The bays precinct is bigger than Barangaroo

and more important to the residents of Balmain, Rozelle, Annandale, Glebe, Ultimo and Pyrmont.

Now is the time for the government to listen

Join together to support community involvement in saying how the Bays Precinct future should be decided.

**Wentworth Park Bistro,
Wednesday 7 July, 7pm,**

Access: Vehicles from Wattle Street, Ultimo; Pedestrians from Wentworth Park Road, Glebe.

For further information: email brooksjno@iprimus.com.au, www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/baysprecinct.

Community sponsors: The Glebe Society, Pyrmont Action, Pyrmont Progress, Blackwattle Cove Coalition, Balmain Association, Annandale Association, Sydney University Women's Rowing, White Bay Joint Steering Committee.

Harold Park

Financial realities may delay development

The Glebe Society and other community groups have been working hard trying to ensure that any future development of Harold Park will work for our communities, be of the best quality and even help satisfy local government's needs to squeeze more people into Sydney. However, many circumstances will contribute to ensuring that it will be years before we see actual construction activity on site. Some of the realities of the lead-in time for the development of Harold Park will include:

- The City of Sydney's consideration of planning issues and the development control issues for such an important site;
- The NSW Harness Racing Club's consideration of its options and any final decision to sell the Paceway and the Tramsheds or other options it may have;
- The marketing of the site, if it is to be sold;
- The property industry's consideration of the site and the conditions associated with its planning approvals;
- Potential purchasers' considerations of how they will finance the purchase of the site and its development; and
- The actual sale process and settlement of the purchase contract. The sale may be 'subject to a satisfactory DA' or have similar stringent conditions.

The successful purchaser will have its own view of how the site should be designed and developed and will almost certainly submit a DA that seeks to vary the City of Sydney's development control conditions. This is not necessarily a bad thing as some developers have significant expertise in high quality property development and it could well be that aspects of any variations could represent an improvement, even for our

communities. Of course other variations may be less acceptable. It will therefore take time to finally negotiate and resolve these issues and some of them could well be vexed, especially if the successful purchaser is towards the more opportunistic end of the developer spectrum.

Having obtained satisfactory development approval, assuming residential units are proposed, the new owner will need to plan how the development is to be staged and market its products. It is almost certain that construction will not commence until at least 50% of the units in the first stage have been sold 'off the plan'.

One of the biggest uncertainties facing potential developers in the business climate of mid 2010 is the means by which they can finance a project of this nature. Almost all developers, from the largest to the smallest likely to consider this project, are likely to want to fund it at least partly from borrowings. It is most unlikely that any will use their own capital only, mainly because of their need to use this scarce commodity as efficiently as possible.

This financing uncertainty has its roots in the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), the effects of which are still reverberating strongly in the business world and our economy. Most property industry lenders and especially our banks have become risk-averse since the GFC. This risk aversion is being driven by several factors, including:

- Some lenders still being over-exposed to the property development market at a time when values of development sites have fallen and market conditions are not yet right for their recovery; and
- The high cost of borrowing by banks and their limited ability to raise funds at reasonable rates from both local and overseas sources

This issue is delaying private sector development and construction all over Australia and it is possible that it may end up causing the biggest delay to the development of Harold Park. At this stage, there is no end in sight to this problem.

So far, the Reserve Bank has noted the problem but appears not to want to do much about it. The recent State Government budget strategies will only partially help to counter the current extraordinary lack of private investment in property development and construction in Sydney. In the meantime, development is lagging, demand for housing continues unabated, rents rise and housing affordability declines.

So what do we do about Harold Park? In my view, we continue to work hard to get the best outcomes possible but also be very patient. We may not see any construction for three to five years or possibly considerably more.

- Andrew Craig

New social and affordable housing for Inner City

A new integrated housing project recently approved by Council will provide 104 new social and affordable housing dwellings in Camperdown for low income workers and previously homeless people. The Camperdown Project will combine long term accommodation with on-site support services for chronically homeless people.

Developed by Housing NSW and designed by Hassell Architects, the project will provide a new six-storey building at 23-45 Pyrmont Bridge Road, a new publically accessible park along Lyons Road and a link between the new building and the adjacent Joanna O'Dea building.

Sustainable Sydney 2030 sets separate affordable housing and social housing targets of 7.5% of all housing by 2030. An additional 7959 additional affordable housing dwellings are required to meet this target.

from *Clover's eNEWS*, 11 June



Who lived in your street?

Mario Abbiezzi (1907-86)

In 1952 Italian born Mario Abbiezzi was living at 141 St Johns Road, Glebe. Just before Christmas he received an official letter refusing renewal of his visa and giving him two months' notice of deportation. A member of a 'communist penetrated organisation and a financial contributor to a communist publication', he had already been refused naturalisation. Abbiezzi fled to Darwin where he was arrested, then brought back to Sydney and locked up in Long Bay.

Meanwhile, news of his plight had spread quickly. A Defence of Mario Abbiezzi Committee, meeting in the 727 George Street premises of the Italo-Australian Club where Mario was Secretary, collected a petition with 10,000 signatures. The anti-fascist Italia Libera Association approached one of its patrons, Victorian Senator Donald Cameron, who wrote to Immigration Minister Harold Holt arguing against the order.

Protest also came from Dr Silvio Daneo, the Italian Minister to Australia. A week before the deportation deadline, Holt was asked by visiting Italian Minister Dr Schiazzi to withdraw the proceedings in the face of widespread opposition, particularly from the Queensland Association of Italian Workers and trade unions representing boilermakers and club and restaurant workers.

Holt ordered a departmental report and Cabinet met. It was decided that genuine troublemakers could be dealt with under the Crimes Act and that expulsion of Abbiezzi might 'create a dangerous precedent which could be used in future to the detriment of a person who could in no way be regarded as subversive, but whose political views were not in accord with those held by the government of the day'. Comparisons were made to a 1925 court decision in favour of two overseas born Seamen's Union officials threatened with deportation. The Abbiezzi case was quietly dropped.

The federal government's postwar immigration program had been in trouble in 1952, a recession year. In July at the Bonegilla migrant centre there were riots by Italian migrants frustrated at not finding work. Demonstrations and street marches followed in Brisbane,

Sydney and Melbourne. Authorities maintained that Abiezzi's case was not connected with this unrest but he had been critical of the Australian government's treatment of new arrivals whose expectations were not met. For years after the events of 1952-3 he was denied Australian citizenship.

Born in Milan, Abbiezzi at age 18 joined the *Partito Comunista d'Italia* (PCI). In the period 1934-1942 he was arrested and imprisoned several times, and in 1944 joined the 52nd partisan brigade, the *Garibaldi*. He helped Allied prisoners of war escape to Switzerland and was credited as among the captors of Mussolini in 1945. In 1949 he decided to go to Australia and have a 'look around'. In Genoa he boarded the *Sebastiano Caboto*, carrying 316 passengers from Italy, Poland, Greece, Austria, Germany, Egypt, Cyprus, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Most were single Italian men travelling as assisted migrants. Although he sailed third class, Abbiezzi was an unassisted 'trader'. His credentials as a businessman were emphasised by those opposed to his deportation.

Abbiezzi remained an active member of Sydney's Italian community. The Italo-Australian Club where he was Secretary provided food, newspapers and social events including dance nights. In the 1960s he ran the Garibaldi Bar in Riley Street East Sydney, premises dominated by a mural of his hero astride a white horse. He was a founding member of the Sydney branches of the PCI and the *Federazione Italiana Lavoratori Emigrati et loro Famiglie* (FILEF) and edited *Il Risveglio* and *Il Nuovo Paese*.

He was cremated at Botany cemetery on 24 March 1986.

- Lyn Collingwood

Footnote: Deportation proceedings issued in October 1952 against Cyprus born Demetris Anastassiou, said to be a

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Cartoon from *La Fiamma* 18 July 1952

political agitator amongst 'New Australians', were also withdrawn. 'Jimmy' had marched on May Day, joined the Greek Atlas Club, attended the 1951 Berlin Youth Festival and danced at the Russian Social Club. In 1962 his application for Australian citizenship was rejected by Immigration Minister Alexander Russell Downer. It was finally granted by Al Grassby in 1973.

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Getting to know our members



Sister Marion Firth, who has recently joined the Glebe Society, has been a Sister of the Good Samaritan (Benedictine) order all her adult life. She joined the order when she was 18½ and spent her novitiate at Pennant Hills. Sr Marion trained and worked as a teacher for 20 years, but was then asked to take on the challenge of community development and parish work. She has worked in North West Queensland, in Melbourne, Sydney and the Pacific Ocean nation of Kiribati.

Her current role is Director of the Good Samaritan Congregational Centre in Arcadia Road Glebe, where eleven Sisters live, and where hospitality is offered to those with a connection with the order. This hospitality ranges from providing accommodation for country people who come to Sydney for medical or legal appointments, to the running of a function centre. Her pride in the Chapel and in historic Toxteth House is clearly evident.

Sr Marion's parish work in Melbourne was centred around Fitzroy, where her community had many Vietnamese migrants and many ageing Italians. Among her many parish outreach activities she was a regular volunteer on the St Vincent's soup van, a weekly job which started with cooking the soup and making sandwiches, and continued through the night till the early hours. As Sr Marion says, being a recognisable face and a willing listener meant that being a member of the soup patrol was one way that she could offer stability to people in need.

Her move to Kiribati was to fill the role of a development project officer where church and other government funds (eg

AUSAID) were used for projects such as developing schools, building a science block or empowering people to become less financially dependent. While cash is not normally needed for day-to-day living, payment is required to access education beyond the level supported by the government.

One of Sr Marion's projects was to fund a catamaran so that people living on outer islands could bring in products such as roofing thatch which they could sell. In this way they could move towards achieving a degree of financial independence and could afford to educate their children to a higher level.

Ever one to accept a challenge from her order, Sr Marion left Kiribati after 8½ years, undertook further business studies, and then moved to her current role. We look forward to her involvement in The Glebe Society.

- Carole Herriman

Dr Judy Cashmore AO

Glebe Society member Dr Judy Cashmore became an Officer of the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Awards.

Her citation reads:

For distinguished service to the protection of children, as a research psychologist and advocate for the rights of children, through the development and implementation of social policy and law, and through leadership roles of organisations supporting child welfare.

Congratulations Judy.

The following is an extract from an article by Jessica Mahar, in the Sydney Morning Herald of 14 June.

Respecting children and their opinions has been crucial to Associate Professor Judy Cashmore for 25 years.

The developmental psychologist has been made an officer of the Order of Australia for her efforts to protect children - an honour she said she was proud of 'as a mark of the importance of the area of work'.

In her years advocating for children's rights, Cashmore has chaired and sat on boards including the NSW Judicial Commission, the advisory committee

on child sexual assault cases, the NSW Child Protection Council and the Association of Child Welfare Agencies.

In her research and advocacy, her underlying philosophy has been to ask questions about children's experience and perspectives of the legal system and legal processes, then see what policies and practices should be put in place to improve children's encounters with the legal system.

'It boils down to recognising that it is important to respect children's views and prioritise relationships that are important to them, and not assume that as adults we always know what is in children's best interests,' she says.

'It's probably the most challenging and I think one of the most important areas because these are decisions about children's lives.

'If you feel included in that process then you don't experience the legal system as being a coercive process, and if we want children to have respect for the system then we need to have respect for the children and their views and what it actually means to be a child.' ...

...Despite improvements made in her 25 years working with children, Cashmore believes more must be done.

'The law has been fairly sceptical about children's experiences and motives and there is still quite a lot of conservative attitudes.

'If we're going to move directions about children's views, we need to know from them what's important, their experience of being moved from the family and being taken into care, their opinion about where they are going to live.'



Dear Editor

I noticed that Sister Marion Firth and John Gilroy have joined the Society.

Verity Firth is our MP and her father lives in Hereford Street. Archbishop Sir Norman Gilroy was a Glebe denizen and was with Simpson and his donkey at Gallipoli. Are these new members related to them?

- John Gray

Coming Glebe events

Annual General Meeting

The society's annual general meeting will be held at the *Benledi* on Sunday, 29 August, at 11 am. Reports from various convenors will be published in the next two *Bulletins* or will be distributed at the meeting itself.

As usual we expect that there will be vacancies on the Management Committee and some convenor positions, and our President's term is about to expire. Please consider how you may be able to help ensure that the Society's valuable work continues by joining the management team.

There will be a guest speaker at the meeting (name to be advised in the next *Bulletin*), and the meeting will conclude with light refreshments.

Players in the Pub

Next in the series of popular moved readings at the Toxteth Hotel. Presented by members and friends of Sydney's New Theatre, these are not static readings but theatrical presentations using minimal props and furniture.

27 July, *Bloopers*, a new play by Ron Elisha, author of *In Duty Bound*, *Einstein*, *Safe House*, *The Goldberg Variations*, *Wrongful Life*. Ron, Melbourne writer and medico, is flying up for the reading. Directed by Susannah Thompson.

10 August, *Maria Marten or The Murder in the Red Barn*, a melodrama penned during the 1828 trial of wealthy squire's son William Corder. The story of Corder's murder of his lover was replayed in broadsheets, newspapers, plays, films and songs (including Tom Waite's *Bone Machine* album), the barn where the crime was committed stripped bare by souvenir hunters, and the rope which hanged him sold for £1 an inch. Directed by Lyn Collingwood.

7 September, *The Trials of Ann Rumsby or Bonnet vs Teapot*, a new work for History Week by Brian Hungerford, based on events at the Parramatta Female Factory in 1822.

Tuesdays at 7 pm in the upstairs Media Room (enter via Ferry Road stairs) Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Road. Admission is free. Two main meals for one on Tuesdays—orders from 5.30pm.

City U3A courses in Glebe from July

City U3A offers courses for over 55s at venues in the City of Sydney. Courses to be held in Glebe, from late July are:

Visioning your Outdoor Room - A series of workshops to stimulate participants to think about the function and design of a courtyard/small garden space/outdoor room. Led by Jan Wilson, qualified in Landscape Design and Horticulture. To be held at the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator building.

Learn to Play Bridge - a four week introductory course, upstairs at the Toxteth Hotel.

Two guided walks in Glebe - 7 September, 'Politicians, Publicans and Sinners', from Arundel Street to Foley Park focusing on personalities and social history, led by Neil Macindoe; 14 September, 'Rock around Glebe', an introduction to the geology of the Glebe Point area, led by Anton Crouch.

Other courses around the city include:

Talking Bridges - an engineer's perspective, held at UTS.

Japanese Visual Culture - at Ozanam Learning Centre, Kings Cross.

The Life and Times of Governor Macquarie - at the Mitchell Library.

The Last Friday Book Group - at Trebartha Apartments, Elizabeth Bay.

Yang Style Tai Chi - at Reg Murphy Activity Centre, Kings Cross.

For more information see City U3A website, <http://cityu3a-sydney.u3anet.org.au> or Google 'City U3A'. For enquires or to enrol, ring Jan Macindoe on 9660 0208.

Glebe Neighbourhood Centre

The Neighbourhood Services Centre will move to the Library in early August. There will be a communication campaign beforehand to notify everyone. When I get a firm date I'll let you know.

- Nick Hespe

National Tree Planting Day

Sunday, 1 August is the date for this year's National Tree Planting Day, under the aegis of Planet Ark. Last year we did not organise anything as we were still waiting for Council to clear some trees and weeds in Paddy Gray



Reserve. However, a large celtis has now been removed, and Council is also remediating the overenthusiastic 'weeding' of the beds we planted in 2008.

The Blue Wren Group accordingly is planning another planting day in the Reserve, to extend and consolidate the earlier planting. Council is assisting with preparation, staff on the day and with the supply of tube stock.

Make a note your diary - 1 August, 10am to 12 noon, to be followed, we hope, by a sausage sizzle. Look out for more details in the next *Bulletin*.

- Jeanette Knox

News from the Library

As the Glebe Neighbourhood Centre is moving to Glebe Library some time in August, the Annual Glebe Art Show has been postponed till mid-September. In the meantime here are details of our school holiday event in Glebe.

Yoga for Kids

For 5 - 10 year olds.

In this magical one hour yoga workshop we will explore the breath through sound, movement, yoga poses, story telling, games, imagination and meditation.

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own water bottles.

Tuesday 13 July 11am - 12pm, **Glebe Library**. Telephone: 9298 3060

Bookings essential. Free event.

- Margaret Whittaker

News and Notes

Thirsty Thursdays

Members and friends are invited to meet in Glebe on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe. We visit a different restaurant each month, varying cuisines. Put these dates in your diary now.

On **Thursday 1 July** we will visit *Deus ex Machina*, 98-104 Parramatta Road, Camperdown.

On **Thursday 5 August** we can share paella and Sangria at *Spanish Tapas*, 26 Glebe Point Road.

And on Thursday 2 September we will venture beyond Glebe again and go to *The Persian Room*, 52 Harris Street, Pyrmont.

Please email me or ring me on 9660 7066 by the Tuesday before the dinner to let me know if you are coming, and if you are likely to be late.

- Edwina Doe

New co-ordinator needed for the Web group

The Glebe Society Web group needs someone who is willing to take this on. The job doesn't require technical knowledge - Bruce, Phil and Peter do that. We need someone who will convene meetings and who will keep an eye on the contents of the Website.

- Vicky Marquis

Have you renewed your subscription?

Membership subscriptions for the Glebe Society are due on 1 July. A renewal form was enclosed in your last *Bulletin*, or you may renew online if this is more convenient (browse to www.glebesociety.org.au and click on *Join* and select the box *Click here to renew your membership*).

Members who do not renew by the end of July may become unfinancial and cease receiving the *Bulletin*.

The mystery of the panties in Ross Street Park

A few weeks ago on a Monday I saw a pair of abandoned panties in the Park. They were purple. The following Monday an additional pair appeared, this time beige. The week after another pair was there, this time yellow. What happens in the Park on Sunday nights?

- John Gray

Fair Trade Café closes

The Fair Trade Café on Glebe Point Road closed its doors on June 20, after an alleged dispute with the landlord over rent and lease arrangements. The café's manager, Roger O'Halloran, said all proceeds from the café, which sold only fair trade products, were used to help Palms Australia fund volunteer placements in East Timor, Papua New Guinea and Tanzania. He has been unable to find alternative premises for the café.

From the *Inner West Courier*, 13 June

City cycleways will be painted green

Sydney City Council has decided to use green paint to designate all on-road separated cycleways.

The Lord Mayor, Cr Clover Moore said the decision was intended to ensure that:

- pedestrians and people leaving driveways remember to look both ways;
- drivers acknowledge the presence of cyclists on our roads; and
- cyclists have visually consistent, recognisable routes to move safely around the city.

'Up to now green paint has only been used to mark cycleways in certain locations,' she said. 'As with the distinctive red bus lanes, it is essential that this new transport infrastructure is visually consistent and predictable so that it is easy for everyone to understand and use.'

Bulletins by email

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- Saturday 26 June, 11am** – Barangaroo rally, 47 Hickson Road. See page 3
Thursday 1 July, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Deus ex Machina*, 98-104 Parramatta Road. See page 8.
Wednesday 7 July, 7pm – Meeting - Our Bays, Our Say – The Bistro, Wentworth Park. See page 3.
Wednesday 14 July, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
Tuesday 27 July, 7pm – Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See page 7.
Sunday 1 August, 10am to 12 noon – Tree Planting, Paddy Gray Park, Hereford Street. See page 7.
Thursday 5 August, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *Spanish Tapas*, 26 Glebe Point Road. See page 8.
Tuesday 10 August, 7pm – Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See page 7.
Wednesday 11 August, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
Sunday 29 August, 10.30pm – 1.30pm – Glebe Society Annual General Meeting - *Benledi*. See page 7.
Thursday 2 September, 7pm – Thirsty Thursday – *The Persian Room*, 52 Harris Street, Pyrmont.
Tuesday 7 September, 7pm – Players in the Pub – Toxteth Hotel. See page 7.
Wednesday 8 September, 7.30pm – Management Committee Meeting – The Old Fire Station, 115 Mitchell Street.
Sunday 12 September – Wentworth Park Community Games.

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Website

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The Bulletin

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