



## Revisiting the Fish Market relocation and the planned redevelopment of the current site

by Lesley Lynch

NSW may have a new Government in the near future and there is a strong possibility that it may be a minority Government. This may be a useful moment to consider the state of things with the Bays Precinct, including the new Fish Market site and how effectively the public interest is being protected in relation to critical matters such as housing, transport, open space and other social infrastructure needs.

In the November *Bulletin*, I offered a provisional view on the design by Danish architects 3XN for the new Fish Market building to be built at the head of Blackwattle Bay: “a very smart response to the constraints (and opportunities) of the site and community priorities” – pending getting the actual development application (DA) – and that, regardless of the DA and the excellence or otherwise of the building, the myriad problems flowing from the location of the site remained.

We were told the DA was pretty well complete and would be available at the end of November. It has not surfaced and, despite queries, we have no explanation for this delay.

It could be that someone smart has decided that the risks of proceeding with the DA for the construction of the Fish Markets on this very difficult site with so many major issues unresolved – especially those relating to traffic and transport – are too high just before an election. Or it could just be a series of minor problems with finalising the DA. I suspect the former is the reason – but who knows?

### Time for community re-appraisal / assessment

Regardless, the delay gives the community an opportunity to consider more carefully the Fish Market relocation in the context of what has happened with the overall Bays Precinct grand project launched with all that enthusiasm and promise in 2014. We were promised world's best

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practice in integrated, strategically planned urban renewal to be delivered through UrbanGrowth NSW. Public good would be a central driver for planning decisions. Despite scepticism born of long experience with development in NSW, the community, including the Glebe Society, engaged with this project with considerable energy for several years.

Four years on, the overall scenario is depressing.

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### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary launch – free event



A reminder, that there's a free members evening on Wednesday 6 March, 6.30 - 7.45 pm at Glebe Town Hall (downstairs). Enjoy wine & cheese and hear more about the Festival (at Tramsheds 23-30 June) and give your

suggestions. See insert for more info on the Festival.

Concerned about getting parking near Glebe Town Hall? Having reservations about getting to the event on foot? Have we got a deal for you! We will pick you up! Just call Diane on 0407 207 177.

RSVP: By Monday 4 March 2019 to help with catering. Book online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/50th-anniversary-program-launch-free-members-evening-tickets-53081905408>.

For more information, contact:

[events@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:events@glebesociety.org.au) or ring Judy on 0417 446 425.

## The demise of Urban Growth

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The CEO of UrbanGrowth NSW – who was always our best hope for a good outcome with fair regard for the public interest – resigned in December 2016. No public reason was given but it followed UrbanGrowth's decision to reject all the developers' non-complying bids for redevelopment of the White Bay Power Station and surrounding foreshore area.

UrbanGrowth was effectively neutered in 2017 by being split into an on-going smaller UrbanGrowth NSW and a reconstitution of the old NSW Landcom. The Bays Precinct was split between the two so there is no longer an integrated planning body managing the overall renewal strategy.

Is it reasonable to read this as yet another developer victory?

### Failure of transport planning

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The disastrous lack of cooperation by WestConnex and other transport authorities with UrbanGrowth NSW was never resolved. Not surprisingly therefore, there is still no traffic or transport plan for the Bays Precinct – although the area is hemmed in by already seriously congested streets and public transport.

**This is a fundamental failure of Government.** An integrated transport plan was always known to be an imperative for the success of the Bays renewal:

*Without an integrated strategy that considers all aspects of movement, the transformation will not achieve its ambition.* (Bays Precinct Transformation Plan 2017)

In April 2017, Google cited the lack of any transport planning as a key reason for the collapse of its negotiations with UrbanGrowth NSW for the relocation of its head office to the Bays Precinct as the first step in creating a technology hub around the White Bay Power Station.

As things now stand, it is hard to see how *any* plan can successfully manage the combined impact of the planned WestConnex interchange at Rozelle, the targeted six million annual visitors to the relocated Fish Market and the planned high-density residential development of the current Fish Market site. Unless, of course, there was significant infringement on Wentworth Park – and that would be contentious – as well as having only a marginal impact.

There are some alleviating possible developments: the planned Bays Precinct metro station; the (faintly) possible return of a ferry service and the reopening of the Glebe Island Bridge. These are all necessary and achievable, but collectively will not substantially alleviate the existing and growing congestion around the new Fish Market site.

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### The decision to relocate the Fish Markets

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Given these obvious traffic/transport problems, the Government's announcement that the Fish Market would be relocated to a constrained and technically challenging 'on water' site was a very surprising *fait accompli* to the community. It had always been presumed that it would be rebuilt on part of its existing large and publicly-owned site.

When pressed for explanation, the Government cited the need for the retailers to continue trading during the construction of the new building. This is unconvincing. The large current site could easily have accommodated a temporary Fish Market building concurrent with the construction of the new building.

**It is a reasonable assumption that the real motivation** for relocation to a new and difficult site was to maximise the publicly-owned land to be made available to developers for the high-rise residential development we know is planned for most of the site. This is not necessarily a bad reason *if* the outcome will be in the broad public interest.

That is not likely.

We are never likely to see the real cost of this decision – but it is a fair bet that the \$250 million construction cost cited by the Premier in 2017 will be significantly exceeded and certainly will be *far* more expensive than building on the current site.

It would be of interest to see detailed comparative analyses of the likely financial benefit to the public purse of the two options. Will the extra cost of building on the new site outweigh the extra cash the Government would get for making more of the site available to developers? It is highly likely it will.

But the main issue is the other costs to the public good that flow from this relocation:

- the exacerbated traffic and parking problems and increased problems for transit cyclists given the narrow road/footpath space;

- the loss of an opportunity to open up the foreshore at the head of Blackwattle Bay and make a real connection between Wentworth Park and the harbour;
- a major intrusion into the waters of the Bay (this is *not* an 'on land' site – it is all being built under and over the water), and
- the noise problem given the close proximity of the largely open structure and high walkway to the nearby senior high school.

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And then there is the contamination issue. It had been intended to dredge the site as part of the building is to be underwater. That was abandoned in favour of driving pillars through the sludge to the hard rock. The cited reason was the high cost of dredging.

The high cost could not have been a surprise – like others, I suspect the real reason was the very high toxicity of the contamination of the floor of the Bay and the danger of disturbing it. However, apart from any long-term implications, the construction activity will surely generate significant disturbance anyway. This raises another query as to the wisdom of choosing this site.

This site had never been considered suitable for redevelopment in any of the prior planning for the Bays Precinct – including the officials' Bays Precinct Taskforce, chaired by Premiers and Cabinet Office in 2012 – precisely because there was no foreshore. On the contrary, the long-anticipated move of the cement works from its site was always expected to confer the huge benefit of opening up the harbour view from Wentworth Park.

Re-building the Fish Markets on the current site will slightly reduce the number of residential units that will be built. But this will be no bad thing. The projected density for the site of 3,000 new apartments is clearly excessive given the lack of essential social infrastructure in the vicinity and the immense difficulty of providing these facilities – partly because of the unwise sale of land and so many public buildings over the last few decades.

The decision to relocate the Fish Market is neither necessary nor clearly in the public interest. The public, including tourists, can have a splendid new Fish Market on the old site with fewer long-term problems.

**The incoming Government** would be wise to review the decision to relocate the Fish Market to the head of Blackwattle Bay so as to ensure the public interest is properly protected and to consider the public benefit of opening up the harbour view



*A temporary resident of the current Sydney Fish Market (Image: Sharon Bautista)*

### **The planned renewal of the current Fish Market site**

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There is no firm master plan yet for this large area of public foreshore land but UrbanGrowth NSW has designated a market district and high-rise residential development. The proposed density is very high and will be strongly resisted by the community for a host of sensible reasons.

But the key 'public good' question is what kind of housing is most needed in this part of Sydney? Without Government intervention, the harbour-side location and proximity to the CBD will ensure that these 3,000 apartments will overwhelmingly be for the rich and very well-to-do.

It has always been argued that social and affordable housing must be included in any residential development on this site. This seems to be accepted now by all players. The argument is now around the quantum, with discussion ranging around figures of 2-7%.

These figures no longer seem commensurate to the magnitude and urgency of the problem.

The need for affordable/social housing in the inner-city areas is far greater and more urgent than the need for apartments for the affluent. The policy parameters have to change and governments have to take responsibility for fixing this affordable housing crisis.

It is clear the market won't fix the problem. However, the Bays Precinct offers a rare opportunity to Government to take a more effective approach. This is publicly-owned land. There is no

better financial context in which to deliver a significant quota of affordable/social housing. The land is THE expensive element.

There is no shortage of successful examples. London has introduced strong 'inclusionary zoning' including enforceable targets and under Sadik Khan has delivered 50% affordable/social housing in its urban renewal projects. Other countries have managed to successfully deliver similar or higher quotas without difficulty.

NSW is a rich state and the NSW Government budget is in a better shape than for many years. It should not be beyond the planning capacity of Government to develop a sound fiscal model and mandatory policy/zoning framework for the delivery of a major boost to affordable/social housing in the Bays Precinct – and more generally.

Governments need to start thinking in 30-50% ranges if we want to act to alleviate this urgent public interest need. If we cannot deliver significant affordable/social housing when we own the land – we are not likely to do so in other contexts.

**The incoming Government** should take a serious look at the current plans for the Fish Market site and work with the community to develop policy parameters which will deliver a much greater number of affordable/social housing units than currently proposed and more in line with those achieved by similar democratic capitalist countries.

**It should also review** the current split management of the Bays Precinct and consider the benefits of restoring an integrated approach; including with transport entities before progressing any more one-off decisions.

### Community and Glebe Society action

The relocation of the Fish Markets and the planned redevelopment of the old site are major matters of

community interest, both locally and more widely across Sydney.

At our November meeting the Glebe Society discussed the architects' design and our first impressions and agreed that as soon as the DA appeared we would begin a community consultation by social media and public meeting to shape our response. We still await the DA.

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As the NSW election is imminent, we will be telling our politicians that they need to closely consider the issues that are concerning the community about current decisions and consider a review of the relocation of the Fish Market and the policy framework for, and quantum of, affordable/social housing that will be delivered in the redevelopment of that part of the site.

*Hands off Glebe* held a public meeting about the Fish Markets on 13 February and around 60 people attended. It was clear that there is a lot of community concern about current developments.

We hope that both the relocation of the Fish Market and the quantum of affordable/social housing to be included in the redevelopment of the current site will be raised by the community at the forthcoming 'Meet the Candidates' on 12 March at 7pm in the Glebe Town Hall.

We will make public on social media any communication we have with Government, ALP and others in the election context.

*Lesley Lynch*  
Convenor, Bays and Foreshores

## Meet the candidates for the seat of Balmain

**NSW State election**  
**23 March 2019**



Hear what the major candidates have to say in what is likely to be an interesting contest for the State seat of Balmain.

The Glebe Society will host a 'Meet the Candidates' event at Glebe

Town Hall 160 St Johns Rd Glebe (main hall upstairs). The major candidates will be present.

Candidates will be invited to introduce themselves and address a short list of topics provided

beforehand by the Glebe Society and the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions during the session.

You are invited to suggest topics to be covered. Please submit topics you would like raised to [pastpresident@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:pastpresident@glebesociety.org.au) by Friday 8 March 2019.

This FREE event is open both to MEMBERS and to ALL local residents. To assist with planning please book online on our Eventbrite site: <https://tinyurl.com/y5r5oorh>. Share this link to invite others to come.

When: Tuesday 12 March, 7 - 8.15 pm  
Where: Glebe Town Hall

## A Special Appeal to Members \$\$\$



We have received a grant from the City of Sydney to help fund our 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, but the terms of this grant do not cover many of the costs associated with our planned activities. These

include media presentations, transport hire for local tours, catering and gifts or prizes. For example, we have a student photography competition – *My 2037 (Glebe/Forest Lodge)* – which has generated great interest from local schools and we need cash prizes and funds to mount the photos for display during Festival Week at the Tramsheds.

To help us make this event a proud and memorable contribution to our community's well-being, we are asking members for \$\$\$ support. The sooner we know how much money is available, the easier it is to properly plan.

Donations can be made by electronic transfer or cheque in the same way as membership renewal payments:

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/membership/membership-applicationrenewal/>. Please make a note on this payment '50 years' to make it easy for me to identify.

If you have any questions, or would prefer some other method of payment, please phone me on 0488 118 355 and I will arrange this with you.

*Jane Gatwood, Treasurer*

## Planning, Transport & Infrastructure

### Planning Report

#### Archbishop moves to Glebe, 22 Catharine and 37a Arundel Streets

As members are probably aware, the name *Glebe* indicates that our suburb was a grant of land by Governor Phillip to what was then the Established Church to maintain a church and school. What is now the Glebe Estate is what remained in church hands until it was sold to the Commonwealth in 1973. A few other sites were retained.

Some of these are in Arundel and Catherine Streets. In December DAs were exhibited for a new residence for the Anglican Archbishop on two of these sites, a former garage and workshop. This decision follows the sale of the Victorian Gothic 15-bedroom palace known as *Bishopscourt* in Darling Point. The new residence will accommodate not only the Archbishop's family, but also visitors, plus spaces for meetings. The total cost of the modern buildings is estimated to be \$7.3 million.



*22 Catharine St, as it stands today (image: V. Simpson-Young)*

#### Bellevue, 55a Leichhardt St (Blackwattle Bay Park)

The new lessee has requested an amendment to the existing DA, increasing the amount of seating from 60 to 120 places, spread over the upper and lower levels, with a different configuration for day and evening, and extending hours of operation until 10 pm. This is only half the increase in seating proposed in the DA of 7 December, 2017, which was refused.

As previously stated, the Society is concerned the current restrictions are too severe to allow the business to continue trading, especially in the light of its isolation from other businesses. Closure would imperil this important and beautifully sited Heritage Item. The Committee has therefore decided to support the modest increase proposed, while retaining protection for nearby residents. Other businesses in Glebe have similar restrictions.

#### Opal Tower, Olympic Park

The evacuation of this high-rise residential building over Christmas highlighted the problem of private certification, whereby development companies can hire their own certifier to say the building was constructed according to the plans and building code. The NSW Government report has already concluded the construction was faulty and did not meet the code.

The Society, through the Better Planning Network, has been protesting against this system for some time. It was a major feature of changes to the Planning Act, and was part of a general move to remove regulation, especially from Local

Government. It will be interesting to see if this latest scandal causes a loss of confidence in deregulation, just as the Banking Royal Commission is causing a rethinking of financial regulation, and the Aged Care Commission is already showing concerns about deregulation in that area.

Local Government regulation tends to be slower, and this is part of the reason it is so hated by developers. However, in the current climate safety of residents may be a higher priority than developer profits.

### **Grenfell Tower, Kensington, London**

The incineration of 72 residents and more recent, but less serious fires in Spencer St, Melbourne and in Sydney are also a consequence of the deregulation of development. Sheets of foam

derived from petroleum and covered in thin aluminium seemed like suitable lightweight insulation to some developers of high-rise. Unfortunately, these cladding sheets are also highly flammable. There are none in Glebe, but throughout NSW about 400 buildings will need to have cladding replaced, although who will bear the cost is not immediately clear. Apparently there is now an agreement to ban the cladding throughout Australia.

### **Late-Night Trading**

The Society has asked the City to tighten the criteria for approval of late-night trading and to make the welfare and amenity of residents the top priority in all cases.

*Neil Macindoe*  
Convenor, Planning Subcommittee

## **Council's new community strategic plan – Sustainable Sydney 2050**

City of Sydney is undertaking an extensive community consultation program for everyone who lives, works and studies in or visits the city. Upcoming sessions for 2019 are:

- Tuesday 19 March 6-7.30pm, Juanita Nielsen Centre, 31 Nicholson St, Woolloomooloo
- Tuesday 26 March 6-7.30pm, Town Hall House, Level 4, 456 Kent St, Sydney

The community sessions will be an opportunity to share your thoughts about your local area with the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The community sessions will also involve consultation activities that will:

- help inform the City of Sydney's local planning statements, which are required by the NSW Government
- help the City understand the local services our community values.

These events will be held in an accessible venue and live captioning will be provided. If you have any access or communication needs, please contact Craig Ryan on 02 9265 9333 and we will be happy to discuss your needs.

More information:

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/council/your-say/community-sessions-hearing-from-you>



## **Heritage & History**

### **From the Heritage Subcommittee**

#### **Heritage Audit commenced**

The Committee has commenced an audit of all State and Local Heritage listings within Glebe and Forest Lodge. It has already become obvious that some listings can be updated given new information, and that in some cases the information may be incorrect.

The desired outcome is that a correct inventory of listings will facilitate better education of the membership and community at large, and significantly stimulate a focus towards further listings and the hurdles to jump to achieve them.

#### **Toxteth Hotel Well**

In late 2018 the Committee inspected the remains of a 19th century well in the basement of the Toxteth Hotel in the presence of James Flexner,

Lecturer in Historical Archaeology and Heritage at The University of Sydney. His observations were that 'as the well is mostly stable and not under threat of development, the best position is to take a non-interventionist approach (in line with the recommendations of the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter) ... Basically leave the well alone, checking it occasionally'.

His further advice is that 'the features could be classed as relics (under the NSW Heritage Act) and so any activities that might impact these would need to have a significant assessment carried out by a qualified archaeologist ahead of time. This might conclude that the features should be protected under NSW heritage legislation'.

*Brian Fuller*  
Convenor, Heritage Subcommittee

## Mystery photo, with Lyn Collingwood

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### Last month's mystery photo

Our last mystery photo is a side view of 5 Marlborough St. Kellie Clifford's mother and uncle are standing next to the family's prize motor car, ca 1949-50.



### This month's mystery photo

This month's mystery. It's the mid-1990s. Where are we? Please send your suggestions to [history@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:history@glebesociety.org.au)



## Who lived in your street? Robert Racklyeft (1883-1955), by Lyn Collingwood

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On 3 July 1927 Governor-General Lord Stonehaven attended the last service in the Presbyterian Church on the corner of Broadway and Glebe Point Rd, after which parishioners met in *Record Reign Hall* while the church building was moved stone by numbered stone to a new site on Bridge Rd, in the hope that the quieter location would reverse falling congregation numbers. Three adjacent houses – *Hamilton*, *Alma* and *Reussdale* – had been bought and the Broadway land sold. *Alma*, 158 Bridge Rd, was demolished to make way for the re-assembled house of worship while *Hamilton* was incorporated into a church hall and *Reussdale* became the manse. The whole operation took a year. The rededication service on 14 July 1928 was well attended. Rev. Robert Racklyeft, who was on the committee which handled the reconstruction, continued as minister at the new address and moved his young family from 30 Allen St into the presbytery at 160 Bridge Rd where he remained until 1942.

On the cleared land at Broadway the church was replaced by Brockhoff's flour factory where fox terriers and snakes kept down the mouse numbers.

Robert Racklyeft was born at Redfern on 20 September 1883 to English-born bootmaker George Racklyeft (1848-1926) and Catherine Mary née Doolittle (1845-1930), assisted immigrants who arrived in Sydney on 15 February 1876 on the *Earl Dalhousie* with Eleanor (5), Emma (3) and Charles (2). In Australia ten other Racklyeft children were born in the period 1876–90. The family lived on

Cleveland St, Redfern before moving to Beamish St Campsie. Robert, said to have been educated at Newington, played cricket with the Redfern Melrose Club and first grade rugby with the Campsie Pirates.



*Behind hoardings at far left is the vacant site of Glebe's Presbyterian Church, removed stone by stone in 1927 from Broadway to be reassembled on Bridge Rd. Clergyman Robert Racklyeft continued his ministry at the new address (image: Government Printing Office)*

By 1905 Robert Racklyeft was working as a machinist on the *Singleton Argus*. During his stay in the town he continued to play football and cricket, taught Sunday School, sang in the Presbyterian church choir and was active in the International Organisation of Good Templars which promoted temperance. He left Singleton to train as

a Presbyterian minister and worked with John Flynn and the Australian Inland Mission (Racklyeft kept a pedal wireless in his Glebe home.)

At St David's Dobroyd, on 4 June 1913 Racklyeft married Mary Partridge, sister of Kingsley 'Skipper' Partridge who also worked with John Flynn, and the couple moved to Lockhart where Helen Kingsley was born in 1915. Rev. Racklyeft was at Quirindi, his next posting, when he embarked as an army chaplain on the *Borda* on 17 July 1918. He served in France before returning to Australia in August 1919. (Robert's younger brother Winford, a ship's engineer, drowned on 16 October 1917 when his merchant steamer was wrecked.)

Robert Racklyeft's son Peter McAlpin was born at Quirindi on 30 April 1922. In 1925 Racklyeft was posted to Corowa; the next year to Summer Hill; and in April 1927 to Glebe. In 1929 he took leave of absence on the grounds of ill health and sailed to England on the *Baradine*.

During his ministry Racklyeft set up the Boys Brigade, modelled on the Scouts movement. He enlisted again as a chaplain in the Second World War, while his son Peter was a Spitfire pilot. In 1944 he was posted to Singleton where he remained until 1949 (his farewell function was lit by emergency lighting because of power cuts) before returning to Sydney to live at Rose Bay. On 3 October 1955 he died at Bathurst and was buried there.

Racklyeft's daughter Helen was an early woman graduate in Veterinary Science from Sydney

University, entering the course on an exhibition. She was educated at Corowa District School and Sydney Girls' High where she won prizes for Greek, matriculating in 1932. After travelling in Europe, she returned to Sydney in 1938 and resumed her studies. In 1942 she married fellow vet Selwyn Louis Neiderer and after the war they set up a veterinary practice in Victor Harbor SA. Helen Neiderer died in 1998.

*Lyn Collingwood*  
Local Historian

**Sources:** *New South Wales Presbyterian* 19.7.1928; NSW cemetery records; NSW electoral rolls; NSW registry of births, deaths, marriages; *Trove* website



*Chaplain Robert Racklyeft (right) with Captain Williamson outside the officers' mess, Harfleur 1918 (Australian War Memorial)*

## Chinese New Year at Glebe's Sze Yup Temple

In February, the Year of the Pig was welcomed in with Lunar New Year celebrations across Sydney, including Glebe. For decades, Glebe's Sze Yup Temple was a site for celebrations. The Dictionary of Sydney says that, since the 1860s, 'celebrations took place at Sydney's oldest Chinese temples, at Alexandria and Glebe. The celebrations were both exotic and exciting for white Australians and celebrations were regularly reported in the mainstream newspapers. ... Fireworks and lion dances were all part of the spectacle.'

The Dictionary of Sydney also reports that 'one of the earliest impacts of the celebrations of Chinese New Year to be felt in Sydney was on vegetable prices. As Chinese people took a few days off work to visit family and friends, or even took weeks off to go back home to China, vegetables at the markets became scarce and prices shot up! This side-effect of Chinese New Year celebrations can be traced through newspaper accounts of market prices from the late 19th century.'

*Virginia Simpson-Young*



*Sze Yup Temple in Edward Lane, Glebe 1904, (image: Dictionary of Sydney)*

## Blasts from the Past, by Sarah Fogg

### The gateway to Glebe

*The Seventies: Bulletin no 4 of 1979*

#### University Hotel

At the very gateway to Glebe, the University Hotel has been a landmark in the district for more than a century. It is the largest pub ever built in the suburb and it served for decades as a centre of social life for those living in the church lands. It is a local building of very considerable historical significance.

To protect the University Hotel from demolition and to encourage its sympathetic renovation, the Society has lodged an application for an interim conservation order with the Heritage Council of N.S.W.

The site of the University Hotel for nearly 100 years from the 1850s to 1950s, University Hall on the corner of Parramatta Rd and Glebe Point Rd now provides student housing. In 1979 there were plans for its demolition and replacement with a 12-storey development.

### The incinerator to become a brewery?

*The Eighties: Bulletin no.1 of 1988*

#### Other planning news in brief....

The Burley-Griffin incinerator, in the same area, is not beyond saving, as had been suggested. It is being converted into a brewery and restaurant.

The Glebe Incinerator located at the bottom of Forsyth St was designed by renowned architect Walter Burley Griffin in the 1930s. It was indeed saved and in 2006 restored and reinterpreted, but no sign of a brewery or restaurant. It has a small room available for meetings and small functions but which remains somewhat under-used.

### More on University Hall

*The Eighties: Bulletin no 1 of 1989*

#### Society Victorious – Sign to be Removed from University Hall

In a judgement handed down on 23rd December 1988, Madame Assessor Fitz-Henry dismissed the appeal of Claude Neon against an order made by Justice Cripps to demolish the cigarette advertising sign on University Hall, a prominent and elegant four-storey building on the corner of Broadway and Glebe Point Road. The sign must be removed within 61 days of the judgement.

### An important cultural institution in Glebe

*The Nineties: Bulletin no 8 of 1998*

#### Tranby Aboriginal Co-Operative College 13 Mansfield St Glebe

Since 1958 Tranby has developed an outstanding reputation as a place of education for Aboriginal and Islander peoples and Tranby College is now well recognised as a place of Aboriginal heritage significance. A permanent Conservation Order was placed on 'Tranby' in 1979 under the NSW Heritage Act recognising the significance of its European heritage.

Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education & Training celebrated its 60th Birthday last year. It is one of the special and unique institutions of Glebe, 'a place of reform, social change and social impact for Aboriginal Australians'. This article reported on its 1998 Open Day.

### Fish market: the prequel

*The Noughties: Bulletin no 6 of 2008*

#### Fish Market Future in the Balance

The Fish Market Board has reached a crisis point. The previous plans to develop the Markets failed because they were not commercially viable. They were also aesthetically a disaster. Since then Graham Turk, the managing director of the Fish Market, has had architectural plans drawn up that are aesthetically pleasing. They retain the iconic market nature of the Fish Market and create a substantial area of public open space adjacent to the foreshore and with no obstructions to the harbour.

As this article indicates, plans to redevelop the Fish Market go back a long way. The 2008 plans did not eventuate but in November 2018 Premier Gladys Berejiklian unveiled new plans to rebuild the market on Blackwattle Bay, just west of the current site.

Sarah Fogg

***Don't forget!***

**Meet the Candidates  
for Balmain Electorate  
Glebe Town Hall**

**Tuesday 12 March, 7-8.15 pm.**

# Community Matters

## Community Report, by Janice Challinor

### Very Appealing

With the support of our generous members and the wonderful staff at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse we were able to deliver approximately 250 gifts to more than 125 people in Glebe last year. They were delivered just prior to Christmas to the local supported accommodations of Elsie Women's Refuge, Rainbow Lodge, Kathleen York House, Detour House, and the PCYC program directors of 'Girls who Box' and 'Friend in Hand' which support local adolescents and tweenies who live in Glebe. Gifts included books, toys, educational games, clothing, personal care items, confectionary and some special treats as well. In addition to this we were also able to deliver two large boxes of new children's books to Glebe Public School, and considerable quantities of foodstuffs to the Asylum Seekers Centre in Newtown, following a large cash donation.



Janice Challinor (second from left) at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse with Gail O'Brien, Prof. Chris Milross and volunteers (image supplied)

Thank you to all who made this seasonal appeal a great success. I would particularly like to recognise

### Ageing in place

The Community Development Subcommittee hosted a round table afternoon tea and discussion in October last year with the intention of gathering information from Glebe Society members about their experience and those of friends and relatives with respect to Ageing in Place in Glebe.

There were two main reasons for this initiative. Firstly, as the Glebe Society is a contributor to the *Glebe Connected* initiative which is investigating *Transitions* and how they may be better managed in Glebe, we are intending to use information gathered to contribute to our submission on the topic to this body.

Bobbie Burke, Carole Herriman, Diane Hutchinson, Margaret Cody, Susie Cleary, Graham Hazlitt, Jude Paul, Jane Gatwood, Jeanette Knox, Benedicte Zursthassen, John Barrer, Anne Szandro, Helen and David, Katharine Vernon, Phil Young and those good folk who wished to remain anonymous. Your generosity allows the Glebe Society and Lifehouse to really support and care for families in our local area. Thank you, too, to Jane Fissenden for your help in collecting, sorting and delivering these seasonal gifts.

### Sewing for Good

This regular 'craft and catch-up' morning has recommenced in the Aboriginal Cultural Space at the Glebe Town Hall, where we meet from 10am to 1pm every second and fourth Friday of the month. If you have a crafty project of your own on the go, bring it along and join the fun. If not, simply help us make re-usable tote bags from rescued materials languishing in attics and linen presses all over town.

If you have some material crying out for a purpose why not drop it in? We'll give it a new life and invite you to join us for a cuppa and cake too. To date we've given over 80 bags to the Asylum Seekers Centre at Newtown. They are used by their clients to collect food from the Food Bank. We next meet on Friday, 8 March. It'd be lovely to have you join us.

### Kitchen Starter Pack (KSP) Project

If you have items to contribute for the KSP please bring them to our new collection point, the Glebe Town Hall, between 10am and 1pm every second and fourth Friday of the month. Or contact [diane@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:diane@glebesociety.org.au) for a pick up.

Janice Challinor

Convenor, Community Development subcommittee

Secondly, the City of Sydney is commencing deliberations for its forward planning 2020-2050 Strategic Planning process. We wanted to be in a position to make an informed submission to this process and considered that the best way to do so was to ask our members to provide anecdotal evidence arising from their own local experience.

What follows are some of the major concerns members expressed, and some suggestions as to how they might be addressed in a positive manner in Glebe.

## Footpath Safety

This is a central issue for older Australians. For those without cars, walking is a necessary mode of transport, even if the walk is just to a bus stop. But, for many, walking is also a leisure activity – a way of enjoying the outdoors, maintaining physical resilience and staying connected to their community through the friends, neighbours and acquaintances they meet in transit. However in July 2018, when Glebe Society canvassed members' views on Glebe's safety issues, many older members sent a clear message that their ability to walk freely around their suburbs and parklands was compromised by poor footpath safety.

## Transport

This was deemed especially important for people who no longer drive. City of Sydney Village bus services were noted as useful, but information could be better distributed. Taxi concessions may be available but information is needed on applicable conditions, and how to access them. Uber was noted as potentially useful for short trips; however guidance for signing up and use may be needed for people unused to the system.

## Short term support

This may be essential under certain circumstances such as that following an operation, and could be particularly important for people without family, or whose family is unavailable.

Home help, for both housework and personal services, was suggested. Information is needed on how these are accessed, what conditions exist, who can help with access, especially in the event of unanticipated crises. ACAT evaluation procedures were mentioned – however they are beyond the scope of this discussion.

Several people indicated that some support can be organised with friends and neighbours, especially for simple needs, such as taking out the garbage bin. It is worthwhile encouraging people to establish self-help support groups in anticipation of such situations.

## Shopping

While often mentioned as a support service, it may actually be the easiest to organise, especially for long-term residents of the inner city where home delivery is readily available. Older people could be encouraged to help gain experience with online ordering of groceries, as an example.

## End of life planning

It was suggested Advanced Care Directives should be encouraged, as well as discussing one's wishes with one's GP, legal advisor, family and friends; as well as ensuring that documentation can be located in an emergency.

Edwina Doe advised that the Red Cross Society has a simple information card which they can provide. It can be filled in and given to supportive neighbours. This is especially useful for people who live alone and may wish to make information readily available in the event it is needed. See p.12.

## Community activities to counter isolation/loneliness

We identified a number of activities in Glebe particularly suited to older Glebe residents:

- The City of Sydney offers exercise classes at St Helen's and *Benledi*, as well as bingo, yoga and the Community Garden.
- The Glebe Library hosts a fortnightly knitting circle.
- The Old Fire Station functions as a community centre, hosting 'Have a Chat Café' three days per week.

There are also:

- Privately organised activities such as book clubs which sometimes seek new members.
- Other community activities, such as the boules group, the community choir and the PUG Men's Shed and band.

Overall though, the range seems quite limited – perhaps there are more options that participants just hadn't heard about.

The two major suggestions were:

1. Establish a single/central information point which older residents can use to find out what is available.
2. Proactive development of a broad-based activity program for older residents.

Rather than waiting for private operators to approach the City of Sydney, we think there is a case for City of Sydney to take a more proactive approach. U3A, for instance has a lot to offer older residents but may well need further encouragement to operate in Glebe.

A proactive approach could include facilitating the use of Glebe's currently underutilised community venues.

## Rethinking Council's role in providing service to seniors in Glebe

There is a need for:

- Communication about the range of activities and services available in the community. This could be, for example, via a newsletter (such as Council's existing newsletter, but with a different focus). Something small but regular would be more effective than a larger annual publication (such as the previous 'Gold' booklet.) Existing information available on the

City's 'What's On' website favours one-off activities over on-going, and is not easy to filter for senior services.

- A simple way for community organisations that target seniors to use Council venues free of charge, without the need for complex application process.
- Community services to actively liaise with the range of community activities and services to provide support and identify opportunities and gaps.
- A dedicated 'Seniors' liaison role' for a Glebe-based City of Sydney employee.

If you have further ideas and concerns you'd like to raise please contact us on:

[community@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:community@glebesociety.org.au)

*Janice Challinor, Diane Hutchinson, Jan Macindoe*  
Community Development Subcommittee

## I'm dying to tell you

Hi Neighbour, I'm dying to tell you ...

Shortly after I moved to Glebe I was out walking my dog early one morning at first light. As bad luck would have it I tripped and fell. Fortunately I was not hurt, but as I lay there gathering my scattered wits several people ran past. Not one stopped to offer help. It made me wonder; did they think I was just sleeping rough? It certainly wasn't very neighbourly of them, I thought.

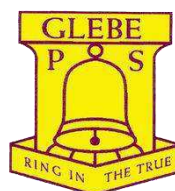
Several months later I was again walking my dog, this time in broad daylight in the rain. I was nearly at the Post Office boxes when I slipped on the metal pavement cover near the public phone. My feet flew out from under me and I plummeted backwards, banging my head pretty hard. Seeing stars was an understatement. Within milliseconds a small crowd surrounded me and one kind person, identifying herself as a doctor, began checking to see if I was okay. Meanwhile my hound, never very patient, was tugging at the leash which I was still holding, wanting to keep going.

The doctor called an ambulance for me, saying I need to be thoroughly checked to make sure I hadn't fractured my skull. This seemed quite reasonable to me but what was to happen to poor Maggie? At that moment I spied a face I knew in the crowd. He lived just up the road from me and although we'd never spoken I knew he knew where I lived. I was about to ask him to take my dog home when he offered to do just that. So Maggie was returned safely to and tethered in my yard, awaiting my partner's return while I was whisked off to A&E. He even left a note explaining where I had disappeared to. What a decent neighbour I thought. Now we speak each time we meet, and although I cannot say we've become friends I am very glad that he is still my neighbour.

## Glebe Carers Support Group

The Glebe Carers Support Group (for those caring for a family member or friend with a mental illness) meets every last Wednesday of the month (1-2.30 pm at Glebe Town Hall).

## Glebe Public school P&C meetings



The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 1 April 6.30pm. This is a regular meeting plus the AGM.

If anyone has any queries they're welcome to email [committee@glebeschool.org.au](mailto:committee@glebeschool.org.au)

This of course segues into my theme for today, neighbourliness. As many single people live in Glebe the presence of benign and friendly neighbours is not only a treasure one hopes to find but also a vital resource for our individual wellbeing. Cheery greetings, shared cuppas, bringing in bins, watering gardens, maybe even exchanging small Christmas tokens are just some of the actions that help cement community connectedness. And it is that connection and sharing that can mean the difference between positive and negative outcomes in times of need.

I'm reminded of the fairly recent death of a Glebe identity at whose passing Edwina Doe, his long term acquaintance, was called upon by the Police, in an effort to locate his next of kin. Edwina was herself only approached because her name was found on a list in the deceased person's home. This was coincidentally the evening after we'd had a Community Committee sponsored afternoon tea at St Helen's to hear people's views on Ageing in Glebe. Edwina was able to provide some information to the Police, but unfortunately not the identity of the next of kin. This situation got her thinking and searching for a way of ensuring that there is a method available for essential contacts to be found and made in the event of an emergency. Not everyone has family nearby, or even if they do visits may not always be regular.

As an indefatigable researcher Edwina located some methods people may utilise when organising their affairs, so they are included here for your information. We hope they are of some use to you.

## Red Cross Neighbour Contact Card

The first is the Neighbour Contact Card produced by the Red Cross. Both sides of it are shown

below, and it could be given to neighbours just as a 'getting to know you' ploy too. This might give you other ideas, like leaving a spare key with a trusted neighbour. As a keen Red Cross volunteer, Edwina has kindly offered to make these cards available to anyone who contacts her on [edwinadoe@optusnet.com.au](mailto:edwinadoe@optusnet.com.au).



## NSW Police Next of Kin Program

Another suggestion is the NSW Police Next of Kin Program. It is free to join and allows people living alone to have contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local Police station. It is confidential, and if you would like further information Edwina suggests you contact the local community liaison officer, Constable Amy Teasdale, at the Glebe Police Station. ([teas1amy@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:teas1amy@police.nsw.gov.au), 02 9552 8099).

There are other ways of course, and one of the most effective is sharing important information with family or friends whenever a change of circumstances arises. My daughter-in-law has now taken to asking me 'where's the loot hidden this

## Glebe & Forest Lodge, Naturally

### News from the Blue Wren Subcommittee

The City will soon be installing hives for native stingless bees in Orphan School Creek and Palmerston Ave parks and members of the two bushcare groups caring for the parks attended a

time?' before each overseas trip I take! Should I be worried about this?

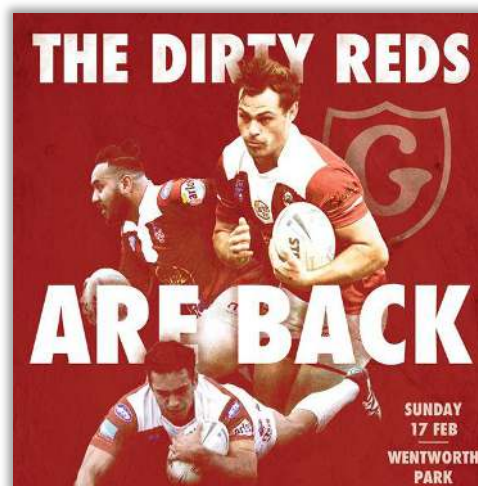
Of course this is not a complete list of vital information that will help people when the need arises, but it is a good basic start and you might have other suggestions. I'd like to thank Edwina for her initiative in finding these resources and sharing them with us. Now I'm off to talk to my new neighbours!

Janice Challinor  
Community Committee Convenor

## Help the Dirty Reds return to Wentworth Park

In order to return to Wentworth Park (historically, their home ground) on a more regular basis, the Dirty Reds Rugby League Team needs to ensure the infrastructure at the venue is suitable for rugby league. At present, Wentworth Park has no rugby league goalposts and the current scoreboard is not able to display team sport scores (only greyhound times). In order to play more games at their traditional home, the Dirty Reds need to raise enough funds to purchase these much needed items.

You can help by making a donation to the Dirty Reds' fundraising project being hosted by the Australian Sports Foundation. You can donate here: <https://asf.org.au/projects/glebe-dirty-reds/>. All donations are tax deductible.



(image: Dirty Reds Facebook page)

'sugarbag' or 'bush' bees) are about 3 to 5mm long and will travel around 100 metres to pollinate and collect nectar from native and introduced flowers. It may be necessary to provide a water source near the hive during the hotter months. Each hive produces small amounts, less than 1 kg per year, of honey, which was relished by Indigenous Australians.

In John Street Reserve everything is growing furiously following the recent rains, but local volunteers are continuing to water the newly established lawn and are keeping the bird bath topped up. There is concern that some of the flora may not survive the current high temperatures.

The Ferry Road Bushcare Group (Ernest Pederson Park, William Carlton Gardens and Quarry Lane) noticed that the City has recently employed surveyors and a consultant arborist to prepare a report on the scheduled renewal of Palmerston Ave Steps, Sarah Peninton Reserve, Cardigan Street Park and Ernest Pederson Reserve. An onsite "pre-consultation" meeting was held at 3:00pm on Tuesday 5 February between eight landcare volunteers (members of the Ferry Road Bushcare Group, and the Glebe Palmerston and Surrounds Landcare Group together with Judy Christie from the Blue Wren Subcommittee) with six City of Sydney staff led by Ali Dexter, Senior Project Manager – Community Consultation, Community Relations. The meeting was most important as it gave the landcare volunteers the opportunity to speak about their ideas for the parks prior to the City issuing its park renewal documents. It is expected that the volunteers' requests will be incorporated into the renewal plans thus creating a 'win-win' outcome, and saving much time and angst in having to object to some possibly unacceptable proposals for the parks.

Two new volunteers have joined the Glebe Palmerston and Surrounds Landcare Group; watering and litter collecting (including dog faeces) continues. Instead of removing the noxious weeds, privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) and *Celtis australis*, Citiwide (the City's park maintenance contractors) severely pruned native flora in the middle part of the park. Following complaints from the Group and local residents, the City has agreed to plant additional flora to fill in the gaps (the noxious plants are still to be removed!). As described previously, the Group was successful in obtaining a grant of \$4,000 from the City to purchase tools and a storage shed. They have, however, been unable to accept the grant as the City has still not provided a satisfactory personal accident insurance policy to cover the work of their volunteer members (the present unsatisfactory insurance policy requires the Group to pay the first \$500 of any accident claim). Over the past three years, the Group has been asking, without success, for a water tap to be

installed by the City in the lowest part of the park near the Glebe light rail stop. The Group will write to the City's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Linda Scott, to see if she can intervene to have the tap installed.

Andrew Wood  
Convenor, Blue Wrens Subcommittee



Native stingless beehive in Glebe's foreshore park opposite the Anchorage home units (photo: Andrew Wood).

## Lew Hoad Reserve – political texts set in stone

In the last *Bulletin* we brought you recent pictures of some of the political carvings in Lew Hoad Reserve. This sparked some Glebe Society members to share memories of other political graffiti.

Ted McKeown recalls:

*When we moved to Forest Lodge in 1972, the 'Put Liberals last' graffito was much fresher and more visible from the Crescent. I may be mistaken, but I seem to remember a 'Pig-iron Bob' graffito as well. If that's the case, it may have gone back to about 1938. I don't recall the '1918 FIGA' carving. ... After the 1975 Federal election, there was also a graffito on the Harold Park wall opposite the Lew Hoad Reserve reading 'Australian voters are bloody-minded sheep'. Also on the wall, and about the same time, was 'God hates homos' – and*

*underneath, in a different hand, 'but he loves tabouli'.*

Phil Young sent two photos of political graffiti (included here at the end of this article), saying:

*My contribution re graffiti in Glebe is from the early 1970s. What does 'Chile All Out Sept 11' refer to? Interestingly, the one referring to the Anarchy Conference gives the address of 158 Bridge Rd, i.e. the old church (The Abbey) when it was in ruins and being used by the photographer and others who were living in Reussdale next door.'*

Mark Stapleton was reminded of Chile related graffiti, this time at Darling Harbour:

*Reminds me of the graffiti at Darling Harbour that read 'Free Chile' to which was added 'With every Taco'*

On a roll, Ted McKeown comes back with:

*On the wall of the Harold Park Hotel: 'Free Hess'. Underneath: 'Where can I get my free Hess?'*

Jeanette Knox remembers a somewhat more sinister piece of on-wall political commentary:

*Another one I remember was 'Fraser is the Hilton Bomber'.*

According to John Gray (*Bulletin* no 10 of 2011 p.3), that particular piece of graffiti had occupied the stone wall on the corner of Bridge Rd and Ross St. Sadly (?) it disappeared when the wall was repaired. In the same piece in 2011, John also said:

*In the late 1960s, we would vote at the hall in Woolley Lane. Its exterior wall was adorned with 'Don't vote. It only encourages the bastards'.*

Read more about the political graffiti carved into Lew Hoad reserve on our website:

## Creative & Social

### Easels needed for Glebe Society 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Festival



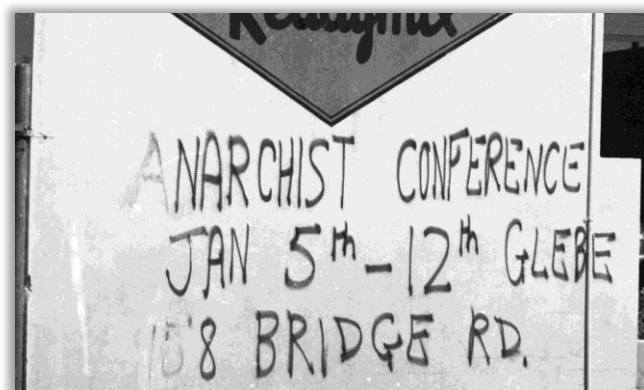
At the Glebe Society Festival in June, some items will be displayed on easels. We are looking for easels that can be used for this purpose. At all times, the Festival will be staffed by volunteers who will keep an eye on your easel.

<https://www.glebesociety.org.au/mysterious-old-graffiti-in-lew-hoad-reserve/>

Virginia Simpson-Young



What does the message on the wall of the Harold Park Paceway mean? 'Chile All Out Sept 11<sup>th</sup>!!' (image: Allan McEvoy)



Did any readers attend this conference in the 1970s? (image: Allan McEvoy)

If you have an easel you are willing to make available, please contact Dorothy on [dorothy@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:dorothy@glebesociety.org.au) or phone her on 0417 240 603.

### Thirsty Thursdays



Glebe Society members and friends are invited to meet in restaurants in and around Glebe, usually on the first Thursday of each month, to eat and talk with other people who live in Glebe.

We try to pick places where we can share dishes, and have eight or so people at each table. Put these details in your diary now:

- On Thursday 7 March at 7pm we will go to *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Rd.
- On Thursday 4 April at 7pm we will go to *Pizza Da Noi*, 198 St Johns Rd (near Ross St)
- And on Thursday 2 May at 7pm we will go to the Chinese Seafood Restaurant at the Fish Markets.

Please email me at [thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:thirstythursday@glebesociety.org.au) or ring me on 9660 7066 by 6pm on the Wednesday before to let us know if you are coming, or if you are likely to be late.

Edwina Doe

## Players in the Pub



Players in the Pub returns to Glebe's Toxteth Hotel with Brandon Thomas's classic farce:

### **Charley's Aunt**

When: 7pm Wednesday 20 March

Where: Toxteth Hotel, 345 Glebe Point Rd, top floor (entry via Ferry Rd staircase).

Cost: Free admission (donations bucket)  
Wednesday burger/beer/wine \$20 dinner special.  
Please order early, we always aim to start on time!



*Publicity photograph of W.S. Penley in the original production of Charley's Aunt, taken during the run at the Royalty Theatre, between 21 December 1892 and 30 January 1893. Photographer: T C Turner and Co, Barnsbury Park, London. (image: wikimedia)*

## Artisans Market Glebe – Autumn



The Artisans Market Glebe returns this year on Saturday 16 March. Now in its fourth year, the market is not to be missed. Over 60 stallholders will have their original work for sale from 10am to 3pm. Stalls range from fashion and ceramics to jewellery and homewares. One thing you can be certain of is that each piece has been hand made locally and is in its own way unique.

When: 16 March 2019, 10am to 3pm

Where: Foley Park is on the corner of Bridge Rd and Glebe Point Rd.

For more information go to [www.artisansmarketglebe.org.au](http://www.artisansmarketglebe.org.au) or [facebook.com/ArtisansMarketGlebe](https://facebook.com/ArtisansMarketGlebe)

Fiona Verge

## Mardi Gras: Rainbow family storytime

To celebrate the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, the City of Sydney Library is hosting rainbow family storytime sessions.



We're teaming up with storytellers and educators from the LGBTIQ communities who will deliver storytimes celebrating families of all shapes and sizes.

We have collaborated with PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Rainbow Families, Deaf Rainbow and Twenty 10 (a support service for young LGBTIQ people and national provider of QLife for LGBTIQ people of all ages) to bring guest storytellers to our libraries.

This free event is suitable for pre-school children and their families. Bookings are not required however space is limited but please arrive early to secure your spot.

Our library has a large selection of picture books about families with same-sex parents which are also available to borrow.

When: Tuesday 12 March 11-11.45am and Saturday 16 March 2-2.45pm (Saturday session is in Auslan and English). Where: Glebe Library.

## 100 Years ago in Glebe – this month

with Rodney Hammett

### GLASSES ON THE COUNTER.

#### LICENSEE AND CUSTOMER FINED.

At the Glebe Court yesterday, before Mr. Giles Shaw, S.M., Martin Garrett Sayers, licensee of the Glebe Tavern Hotel, Franklin and Greek Streets, Glebe, was proceeded against by Police-Inspector Doig for having, on February 1, allowed Benjamin Richards on the premises during prohibited hours.

Sergeant Harper said he saw Richards leave the hotel by the side door. When questioned Richards said he had been trying to sell the licensee some oysters. Witness went into the hotel and found two glasses, one containing beer and the other smelling of spirits.

Sayers' defence was that he was in the habit of buying oysters from Richards, and had bought for him that evening—6.15.

Defendant was fined £1, with 6s costs, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

Richards, for being on the licensed premises during prohibited hours, was fined 10s, with 6s costs, or in default seven days' gaol.

(Image: Daily Telegraph; Thursday 20 Feb 1919, p2.)

## For Your Calendar

Wednesday 6 March 2019, 6.30-7.45pm, 50th Anniversary Members Launch, Glebe Town Hall, lower hall.  
 Thursday 7 March, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday @ *Tommy's Beer Café*, 123 Glebe Point Rd.  
 Tuesday 12 March, 11-11.45am. Rainbow family storytime @ Glebe Library.  
 Tuesday 12 March, 7-8.15pm, Meet the Candidates for Balmain Electorate, Glebe Town Hall.  
 Saturday 16 March, 2-2.45pm. Rainbow family storytime @ Glebe Library.  
 Tuesday 19 March, 6-7.30pm, Sustainable Sydney 2050, Juanita Nielsen Centre, 31 Nicholson St, Woolloomooloo.  
 Wednesday 20 March, 7pm. Players in the Pub, Charley's Aunt, Toxteth Hotel.  
 Tuesday 26 March, 6-7.30pm, Sustainable Sydney 2050, Town Hall House, Level 4, 456 Kent St, Sydney.  
 Monday 1 April, 6.30pm Glebe Public School P&C meeting, Glebe Public School.  
 Thursday 4 April, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday @ Pizza Da Noi, 198 St Johns d (near Ross St).  
 Thursday 2 May, 7pm. Thirsty Thursday @ the Chinese Seafood Restaurant at the Fish Markets.  
 Sunday 23 June. *Glebe Society 50th Anniversary Festival Opening Party*. Tramsheds.

Wednesday mornings, from 8.30am. *Glebe Bushcare Group* meets near Jubilee Park.  
 Last Wednesday of the month, 1-2.30 pm, Glebe Carers Support Group, Glebe Town Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, 10am-1pm, Sewing for Good and Kitchen Starter Pack drop-off, Aboriginal Space, Glebe Town Hall

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- Write to the Secretary at PO Box 100 Glebe 2037; or  
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*Ancient Briton Hotel 1930. (image: ANU Open Research)*

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