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We acknowledge the Wangal and Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional owners of Glebe and Forest Lodge and pay our respects to elders past and present.

# Max Solling on the pubs of Glebe and Forest Lodge

By Rodney Hammett

Max Solling's latest talk was held at the Forest Lodge Hotel on 1 March. I'd read about it in the 16 January Glebe Society Update and quickly booked my ticket. Unsurprisingly, within a few days it was sold out and there was a long waiting list.

On entering the Forest Lodge pub that afternoon, you immediately felt welcomed with the hum and bustle of patrons being served and chatting plus the sweet sound of a jazz trio. The room at the rear of the pub quickly filled to overflowing and we were entertained by Max in his engaging style. But this wasn't just a talk in a pub, it was a talk about pubs. The history of the Forest Lodge Hotel from 1866 was explained, with images of its changing floor layout and appearance over the years as it was 'modernised' to suit the changing clientele.

The first pub in Glebe was the Glebe Tavern which opened in 1844 on the corner of Franklyn Place and Greek Street and traded there until 1934 when the licence was transferred to the new Toxteth Hotel at the corner of Glebe Point Road and Ferry Road. Max also gave us details of beer consumption at a number of Tooth's pubs, whose records are in the [Australian National University Archives](#), and spoke about how many of the publicans became slaves to the powerful beer barons at the Toohey's and Tooth's breweries.

**“But this wasn't just a talk in a pub, it was a talk about pubs”**

Pubs initially only catered to men. Later, ladies-only lounges (with higher prices) were introduced but by the 1970s, everyone drank together. There was an engaging photo from 1950 of a woman drinking in a car outside a pub. Max discussed the issues around the 'six o'clock swill'—the rush to drink as much as possible in the hour between finishing work at 5pm and 6pm when, by law, hotels had to close.

Pubs came and went. In 1857 there were 11 pubs. By 1874 there were 21 pubs, 4 having closed and 14 new pubs having opened. Many were located on Church lands, close



*The Bridge Hotel in 1949  
(Source: Tooth collection, Noel Butlin archive, ANU)*

to the working men's terraces, with 99-year leases. The Church was happy for the rent from the housing but not so happy about the proliferation of pubs.

Some pubs like the Bridge Hotel at the corner of Bridge Road and Junction Street were given special mention. The name 'Bridge' referred to the large timber bridge built in the 1850s over Orphan School Creek as part of the new road—Pymont Bridge Road—from Sydney via Pymont,

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across Blackwattle Swamp and through Glebe to Camperdown. The Bridge Hotel operated from 1882 to 1950.

In true Max style, the talk veered here and there, with his entertaining anecdotes collected over the years during conversations with characters now long gone. The images shown on the pub's enormous screen by Virginia Simpson-Young were an important part of this talk, as they illustrated the changes in Glebe and Forest Lodge pubs over the last 180 years. Virginia also distributed a handout with a map and table of the pubs mentioned in the talk.

Max provoked us to think about the future of Glebe's pubs as profitability has always been a challenge. In the beginning, pubs were run by entrepreneurs, some in premises they owned and some with a lease. Increasingly, these 'free houses' became tied to the breweries and, while some were profitable, many were not as bankruptcy notices in newspapers testify. Then in 1997 pokies were permitted in pubs which changed everything. Now we see the nine remaining pubs catering for a new and varied clientele, offering a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, food with enticing menus and, of course, space for gaming and pokies.

Time was our enemy as the talk had to end around 6pm because the room was booked for another group, so many of the audience continued the theme of the talk by ordering drinks and a meal. ●



*Caption from newspaper: 'To avoid the crowded bar parlors some women prefer to take a beer through the window of a parked car.' (Source: 'Sydney's beer guzzle: what do you think about it?' Smith's Weekly, 11 February 1950)*



*Caption from newspaper: 'This is a typical scene just before closing time – and not a very aesthetic one!' (Source: 'Sydney's beer guzzle: what do you think about it?' Smith's Weekly, 11 February 1950)*

## A win for the community

*By Asa Wahlquist, Bays and Foreshores Convenor*

The Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison, has ruled against the proposed closure of the Bank Street exit from the Anzac Bridge. The plan would have sent traffic headed to Glebe on a loop through Pyrmont, rather than directly onto Bridge Road. See [the update](#) from Transport for NSW.

Pyrmont Action, which has spent years lobbying against the move, organised a successful meeting with the minister at the junction of the exit and Bank Street late last year (reported in the [Bulletin 10/2025](#)).

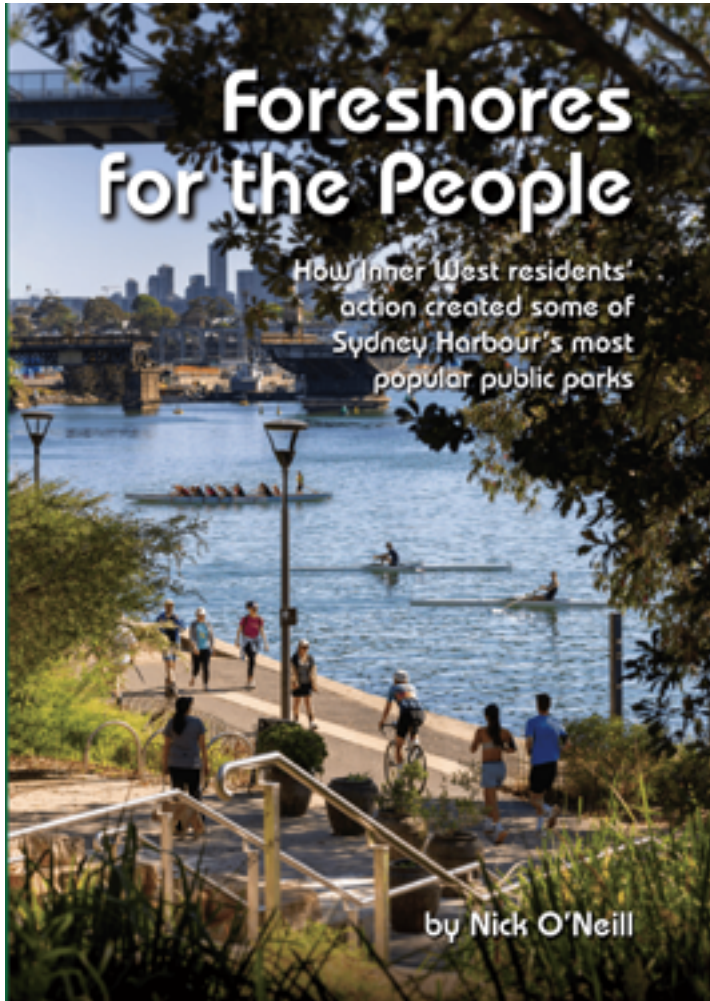
The proposed move would have directed traffic exiting the Anzac Bridge west along Allen Street, Harris Street and then turning onto Bridge Road through one of the worst intersections in the state. This would have applied to traffic to the Hymix concrete batching plant, trucks servicing the old Fish Market site which is being redeveloped and the 501 bus.

The Glebe Society, which supported Pyrmont Action, congratulates the group on what feels like a rare win for the local community. ●



*Bank Street at the junction with Pyrmont Bridge Road (Image: Janet Oakley)*

# Foreshores for the People by Nick O'Neill.



**Book launch by former Premier Bob Carr**

**6pm for 6:30pm Tuesday 21 April,**  
at Gleebooks, 49 Glebe Point Road

[Click here to register to attend.](#)

It's hard today to imagine what Glebe was like in the 1970s, when there was virtually no public access to the foreshores of Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays and only small pockets of parkland. The foreshores had been home to waterfront businesses, but these were in decline and much of the land was derelict and inaccessible.

Today, much of the stunning waterfront of Sydney Harbour in the Inner West—the traditional lands of the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation—are parklands and walkways cherished by locals and tourists alike.

*Foreshores for the People*, about the decades-long fight to win public open space in Glebe and Sydney's Inner West, will be launched by former premier Bob Carr.

*Foreshores for the People* tells the inspiring story of how local residents helped secure waterfront land between Darling Harbour and Iron Cove for the people. Today's public parklands are the result of the tireless efforts of local residents who helped fund court cases, lobby ministers, and maintain public commitment to the campaign.

Nick O'Neill, a great friend of Glebe and the Glebe Society especially through the late 1970s to early 1980s, was vital to the gaining of so much waterfront open space during that period. He was especially instrumental in the creation of the much-loved Bicentennial Park. ●

## New Fish Market poorly served by public transport

*By Asa Wahlquist, Bays and Foreshores Convenor*

The new Sydney Fish Market is poorly served by public transport. The recommended light rail stop, Wentworth Park, and the Glebe light rail stop are both a good walk away. Transport for NSW also recommends the 389 and 501 buses, which go along Harris Street, Pyrmont. This is even further away. See

<https://transportnsw.info/news/2026/getting-to-new-sydney-fish-markets>

None of these are reasonable public transport options for people who are unable to comfortably walk 400 metres uphill.

I have been lobbying for a bus route that goes along Bridge Road, like the 458 used to. There is some interest in this idea, but I've been asked where the bus actually went. Does anyone recall the route of the 458? If you do, let me know by email [bays@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:bays@glebesociety.org.au) ●



Source: [transport.nsw.gov.au](https://transport.nsw.gov.au)

**Do you recall the old route of the 458 bus?**

# Council open to parking changes near new Fish Market

By Asa Wahlquist, Bays and Foreshores Convenor

No parking when you get home whether it is morning, afternoon or evening; cars driving up and down the street searching for empty spaces; and even arguments about parking. Welcome to the streets of Glebe near the new Sydney Fish Market.

The streets concerned have a 2-hour (2P) limit between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. But the Fish Market stays open until 10pm, and the weekends are busy.

Deputy Lord Mayor of the Council of the City of Sydney, Jess Miller, is surveying local residents, asking what parking restrictions they would like to see. She is also on the Fish Market Community Consultative Committee, so has been hearing first hand from local community representatives.

Extending the 2P limit to 10pm and extending 8am to 10pm parking restrictions to the weekend, along with more frequent ranger visits, seems like a no brainer. But Cr. Miller said council must follow an appropriate process.

She said options include adjusting the duration of parking limits, with exemptions for residents in residential streets; reviewing the days and/or times that different limits are in place, e.g. weekdays/weekends and daytime/evenings; or introducing paid parking, again with exemptions for residents.

Cr Miller said any parking changes must go through community consultation. 'Parking changes, such as timed

**Talk to your neighbours and then let the Council know what changes you would like**

permit or ticket parking, can benefit some residents but can also disadvantage others. We encourage residents to first discuss parking options with their neighbours to see if there is support for the changes.'

She asks that, if residents can gather local support, they should then send their joint proposals to the City's traffic officers at [council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

The proposals should include the names of the streets that have been surveyed and would be affected, and the types of restrictions suggested for each street. The proposal must also carry signatures from affected residents.

Cr Miller said the proposals would help the City of Sydney consider community ideas and support for changes. It will then commence a detailed assessment and wider consultation. 'It also means the proposal has a greater chance of proceeding after our formal consultation because residents are more informed and less likely to object,' she said. ●

## Players in the Pub

# A bawdy evening with Geoffrey Chaucer: the Miller's Tale & the Reeve's Tale

Directed by Lyn Collingwood

With Michele Conyngham, Christopher Dibb, Rory Hopkins, Kate Jirelle, Susan Jordan, Kim Knuckey, Ross Scott and musicians Cassady Maddox Booth and Dereck Cameron

**Tuesday 21 April, 7pm**

The Harold  
70A Ross Street, Forest Lodge

Entry by donation



# Then as now: Glebe's 'three broad social precincts'

By Virginia Simpson-Young



Jevons' self-portrait, Sydney, February 1858.  
(Source: University of Manchester Library)

At his recent talk on the pubs of Glebe (see report on p. 1), Max Solling spoke about William Stanley Jevons' remarkable 1858 document on Sydney's social geography, particularly his observations of Glebe, made during one of his many exploratory walks. Jevons (1835-1882) was a pioneering economist and social scientist (as we would describe him today).

He left detailed notebooks in which he describes the variations of social rank among the inhabitants of Sydney including Glebe, their differing occupational roles, where they lived and the dwellings they lived in.

Third, second and first classes: the third class mostly living in the low-lying areas near Blackwattle Creek, the first class living on elevated land on Glebe Point, and the second class in between.

Arguably, the pattern of socioeconomic groupings he describes broadly endure more than 160 years later.

Read the full article by Virginia Simpson-Young on our [website](#). •

## Glebe Society Talks and Walks

### Glebe Talks

#### Glebe Town Hall – The People's Place

Sunday 19 April, 2–4pm

Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road

By local historian, Max Solling

[Bookings through Eventbrite.](#)



Source: City of Sydney Archives

Did you know that Glebe used to have its own elected Council? For nearly 70 years (1880–1948) Glebe Town Hall was the administrative centre of the Glebe Municipal Council but it also served many other community purposes.

For generations it was the place for meetings and events – weddings, dances, concerts, wartime balls, live theatre and so on. When most people who lived in Glebe were tenants and walked to wherever they needed to go, it was a meeting place for local associations, political groups and sporting clubs, a venue for boxing tournaments, election campaigns, lectures and debates about big issues of the day such as Federation, Prohibition and Conscription. It was a critical place in the early history of the Labor Party. The Glebe Labor Electoral League (as party branches were then called) met there and meetings could be feisty.

One hundred and thirty-five men—and two women—served as aldermen (councillors) on the Glebe council. Over time they evolved from being from the property-owning elite, to local self-employed Glebe businessmen, to being Labor controlled in the 1920s and 30s.

Join us to hear our well-known local historian Max Solling tell us more about its history, the battlers, stirrers and other colourful characters associated with the Town Hall.

## Guided Walks

By Katharine Vernon, Dorothy Davis and Helena Klijn

Our first event of the year was a terrific visit to photographer Tom Psomotragos' home/studio on Saturday 21 March. On our tour of the three floors of their wonderful renovation, Tom and wife Deb explained the process of its conversion from a dye and ink factory built in the 1890s on land that was previously part of the Lyndhurst Estate. This was followed by light refreshment while viewing photographs Tom has taken of life in Glebe including the former Fish

Markets. We received gratifying positive feedback from members who attended.

We had planned a 'behind the scenes' tour of the new Sydney Fish Markets. However, their focus on its opening and on Lunar New Year festivities meant our tour was placed on hold.



### Explore Waverley Cemetery

**Thursday 21 May**

9.15 am–12.45 pm

Bus from Old Fire Station on

Mitchell Street

Led by Max Solling

[Bookings here](#)

Join us in exploring one of Sydney's oldest, most beautiful and most historic locations – Waverley Cemetery. Heritage-listed and poised on the cliff-tops at Bronte, this Victorian and Edwardian gem is sited in one of Sydney's most striking locations, the cliffs between Tamarama and Clovelly, overlooking the glittering Pacific Ocean.

Guided by the always-expertly-informed Max Solling, we'll visit the final resting places of many prominent Australians including Henry Lawson, Dorothea Mackellar, Fanny Durack, Victor Trumper, Henry Kendall, Carla Zampatti and others, many of whom have a surprising link to Glebe. The cemetery is also famed for its imposing memorial of the 1798 Irish Rebellion, noting that tragic history from Michael Dwyer to Bobby Sands.

A bus has been arranged that will leave from and return to the Old Fire Station on Mitchell Street.

**NOTE 1:** parts of the cemetery are fairly steep and quite uneven (some sealed roadways, mostly uneven grassy paths). Please wear appropriate walking shoes and bring water, sunblock and a hat.

**NOTE 2:** this event will go ahead only if we have enough attendees (15) to cover the cost of the bus etc. The Walks Team looks forward to having you join us!

### Tour the Sydney Heritage Fleet Shipyard on Rozelle Bay

**Sunday 21 June**

10 am

Rozelle Bay

Led by the Sydney Heritage Fleet

Bookings: More information and the booking link in next month's Bulletin

We will be privileged to have a Glebe Society exclusive tour of the Sydney Heritage Fleet's Rozelle Bay shipyard and the 1912 ferry *Kanangra* at 10 am on Sunday 21 June. It will show the commitment involved in restoring a 1000-passenger ferry and demonstrate the maritime history of Glebe.

Mark your diaries!



*The Kanangra at the Sydney Heritage Fleet shipyard (image: SHFleet)*

## Who lived in your street?

# William Redman (1823–1882) and his family

By Lyn Collingwood

William Redman was a solicitor who lived in today's Forest Lodge. He owned a good deal of what had been a Grose Farm paddock 'opposite the university on the hill' and, from the early 1860s, his home was University Cottage 'at the cut' of Parramatta Road. This Forest Lodge section of Sydney's major thoroughfare westward became known as Old Parramatta Road and is today's Arundel Street. Redman's primary residence when he died was Greycliff on Arundel Terrace.

Redman was an alderman on Glebe Council from 1875 to 1877 and his wife's family was also connected with several addresses in Glebe: 47 Wigram Road; *Oakwood* and *Willow Lodges* on Pymont Bridge Road; and *Sverige* at 9 Avenue Road.

By the time he died in 1882 he had amassed a substantial property portfolio valued at over £57 000. Apart from acreage in the country, he had holdings in Belmore, Ashfield, Lane Cove, St Leonards, Gordon, Petersham, Newtown and Liverpool.

Immediately after his death, his will was challenged by one of his brothers. Like Charles Dickens' Court of Chancery in *Bleak House*, claims and counter claims dragged on for years. In 1950 the Permanent Trustee Company was still looking for creditors in the estate.



Image: State Library of NSW

Read Lyn Collingwood's [full article](#) on our website. ●

## From the President

# *Bidura* developer applies for state significant development assessment

By Duncan Leys

I was alerted a few days ago by a member who had been watching the Planning Department's website, that an application to make the *Bidura* development site subject to assessment as a 'state significant development' has been lodged.

If successful, this would bypass the previous consent granted by the Council of the City of Sydney after a tremendous amount of work. Essentially, the proposal now incorporates so-called 'affordable housing' which will enable it to be considered as a state significant development and allow it to be 30% bigger. The towers in the new proposal are several floors higher than was negotiated with Council some two years ago.

The reason given for the change of plan is that the original proposal was not financially viable. Being considerably larger, the new proposal is presumably more financially viable.

I have noticed that work on *Bidura* itself, the heritage-listed colonial house that fronts Glebe Point Road, seems to have been stopped for the last few weeks with no one on site. I do not know the reason for this.

The submission from the developer lodged in December 2025 is on the Planning NSW website. According to the website, the application is waiting for an environmental impact statement (EIS) report.

I have not seen anything from the Council about this particular development, but it is something they predicted would happen with the introduction of the new planning system. The effect of enabling proposals such as this one to apply for state significant development assessment seems to be having the paradoxical effect of delaying rather than speeding up construction of new housing. ●

# News from the Blue Wren subcommittee

By Andrew Wood, Convenor

## Glebe's Hill

Members will recall that the Society has asked the City of Sydney to make The Hill a wildlife refuge. The Hill is the 0.6 hectare site of contaminated Crown Land—it was originally a garbage tip—between the light railway line and the Harold Park Tramsheds. In recent correspondence with the Society, the Lord Mayor said 'the City will soon be engaging an environmental consultant to assess the site conditions on Glebe's Hill. We will then develop an ongoing management plan for this area and determine whether we can act on your proposals, including exploring alternatives to major remediation and designating the area as a wildlife refuge.....we expect a review to take 6-9 months to complete.'

The Society is also planning to meet with Marcia Morley, the City's Executive Manager Project Development and Delivery, to ensure that she is fully aware of the five published contamination reports about the Hill as well as the University of Sydney's grant report ([Glebe's Hill - unravelling its biodiversity secrets and potential](#)).



Entrance to Glebe's Hill (image: Duncan Leys)

## Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan

The Society submitted recommendations for updates to the City's 2014 Urban Ecology Strategic Action Plan. The Lord Mayor has acknowledged our feedback, saying that they are currently reviewing the Plan and will begin hosting community meetings and workshops in May. Further feedback will also be sought from key stakeholders and community groups, including the Glebe Society.

## Norma Disher Hawkins

On 23 February, Councillor Matthew Thomson kindly proposed a vale for Norma at the evening meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney. The motion was unanimously accepted and was followed by a minute's silence. Deputy Mayor, Jess Miller, then proposed that a park or reserve in Glebe be named in Norma's honour. We all hope that John Street Reserve, which Norma loved so much, can be the selected reserve.

## Mary Holt OAM

It is with great sadness that we report the death on 27 February 2026 of Mary Holt (a member of the Society) at 87 years of age. Mary and her late husband, John, were very interested in the work of the Subcommittee, regularly came to our Autumn Party for Glebe's bushcare volunteers and were also generous financial supporters. They were Life Patrons of the Brandenburg Orchestra, Patrons of the Australian Museum and also supported many wildlife and environmental organisations. In 2014, the year after John's death, Mary established the Dr John Holt Scholarship for Animal Welfare at the University of Sydney's School of Veterinary Science and, in 2021, [Holts' long-eared bat](#) (*Nyctophilus holtorum*) was named in their honour in a scientific paper published by the Australian Museum Research Institute. In 2024, Mary was awarded the Order of Australia for services to conservation and the environment. They lived in Wigram Road and later Glebe Point Road as well as at Mount Wilson. ●



Mary Holt OAM at Mount Wilson (photo: Blue Mountains Gazette)

# Improvements to outdoor dining in Glebe

By Fiona Hollier

Increased outdoor dining in Glebe in recent years, provides people of different ages and backgrounds an opportunity to connect and engage while sharing coffee or a meal. The Glebe Society welcomes this growth and at the same time, is keen that these outdoor dining venues and the adjoining footpaths are safe, accessible and attractive for all those who wish to use them.

To this end, the Glebe Society has recommended amendments to the [City of Sydney Draft Outdoor Dining Guidelines, December 2025](#). Currently, the Draft Guidelines (Part 5) includes a list of nine City streets 'subject to master planned public domain upgrades', including footpath extensions to improve amenability, safety, access and aesthetic appeal of outdoor dining. No streets in Glebe are currently in this list.

The Glebe Society wants Glebe to be included and so has recommended that the section of Glebe Point Road between Mitchell and Francis Streets be ADDED to the list for early master planned public domain upgrades. This section of Glebe Point Road has fifteen cafes and restaurants, with a row of seven providing continuous on-roadway outdoor dining. With the many other nearby cafes or restaurants, the very successful Glebe Markets and the academic influence from nearby universities' students and faculties, the Glebe Society considers that this section of Glebe Point Road undoubtedly has an established café culture that warrants inclusion within the City of Sydney's commitment to 'master planning' and/or the provision of footpath extensions.

Read the [Glebe Society submission](#) here. ●



An example of greener, accessible and safe master-planned outdoor dining (Image: Brian Fuller)

## Special Glebe Music Festival Concert: Duo Mimesi

**Friday 24 July, 7pm**

Margaretta Cottage,  
6 Leichhardt Street, Glebe  
(disabled access at 18A Cook Street)

**Performers:** Gioia Barbara and Federico Bucuoni (piano)

**Programme:** 'Melodies in Motion'

**Schubert**, Lebensstürme, Allegro in A Minor D 947

**Schubert**, Theme and variations D.813

**Poulenc**, Piano Sonata: I Prelude, II Rustique, III Final

**Rachmaninov**, 6 Morceaux, op. 11 (Barcarolle, Scherzo, Thème Russe, Valse, Romance, Slava)

**Tickets:** Full price \$40, concession \$20 (includes a light supper). Book through [TryBooking](#)



Gioia Barbara and Federico Bucuoni (image: supplied)

# This month's In Focus photo competition

By Mary Regan



Reflections by Alison McKeown

This month we had three photos to choose from. Thanks very much to Alison, Caroline and Rodney for your entries.

The clear winner was Alison McKeown's 'Reflection' taken through the window of Café Madame Frou Frou. Judges commented that the reflections created an almost surrealistic depth, with the penny farthing bicycle an interesting focus point. We also liked that you could tell it was very much anchored in Glebe. Congratulations Alison!

Caroline Lipovsky's 'Proposal' was a cute capture of a moment in time, and made us all wonder, did he or she say yes?

Rodney Hammett's photograph shows us 'Jubilee Oval – Restored' after recent maintenance.

**The closing date for next month's photo competition is Friday 17 April.**

Please send your entries to [photo-comp@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:photo-comp@glebesociety.org.au).

To make sure your entry has a chance to be featured, make sure it is a high-resolution image, with all details as clear as possible. A top tip is also to make sure your horizon is straight. You can check out the rules on our [website](#).



Proposal by Caroline Lipovsky



Jubilee Oval restored by Rodney Hammett

# Mystery Photo

By Wayne Carveth

## March 2026 Solution



Source: Wayne Carveth

Last month's photo was recognised by Jan Wilson as the protest rally against the closure of Glebe's historic Post Office. This year is the 15th anniversary of the protest and Jan herself was one of the energetic organisers.

Notable people in the photo include, L-R, Meredith Burgmann (MLC), Clover Moore (Lord Mayor City of Sydney), Robyn Kemmis (City of Sydney Councillor, at the microphone), Verity Firth (local state member) and Tanya Plibersek (local federal member).

Jan writes 'The rally at Glebe Post Office on 20 January 2011 was an impressive event when more than 500 people attended to express their outrage at Australia Post's decision to close all counter services at Glebe Post Office from 4 February. People gathered on the four corners of the Glebe Point Rd and St John's Rd intersection, holding up balloons and placards carrying protest messages. Members of the police force and POGA (Post Office Glebe Action) traffic wardens ensured that road crossings and access to the Post Office were kept clear. Goodwill prevailed within the gathering, though much resentment and anger were expressed towards Australia Post. Speakers included politicians from all levels of government. All showed strong support for the cause, with Tanya Plibersek undertaking to table the 4,000+ signatories' petition in Parliament.'

## This month's mystery photo



## Where and when was this photo taken and what is going on?

Please send your suggestions to [history@glebesociety.org.au](mailto:history@glebesociety.org.au) with 'Mystery Photo' in the subject line.

## For your calendar

April

- 17** Friday April **Deadline for photo competition for May Bulletin**
- 19** Sunday April **Glebe Town Hall – The People’s Place, a talk by Max Solling**  
*Glebe Town Hall, St Johns Road*  
2pm
- 21** Tuesday April **Players in the Pub,**  
*The Harold, Wigram Road*  
7pm
- 21** Tuesday April **Deadline for contributions to May Bulletin**
- 25** Friday April **Anzac Day Service,**  
*War Memorial, Foley Park*  
7:30am
- May
- 16** Saturday May **Annual Glebe Book Sale,**  
*Benledi, 186 Glebe Point Road*
- 21** Thursday May **Guided Walk: Explore Waverley Cemetery**  
9:15am
- June
- 21** Sunday June **Guided Tour: Sydney Heritage Fleet Shipyard,**  
*Rozelle Bay*  
10am
- July
- 23** Friday July **Special Glebe Music Festival Concert,**  
*Margaretta Cottage, 6 Leichhardt Street*  
7pm

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# 2026 Glebe Book Sale

**Glebe Public School Annual Book Sale**

**SAT 16 MAY**

**Benledi House**  
Next to Glebe Library  
186 Glebe Point Road  
9am-4pm

Every book you buy supports literacy programs at Glebe Public School

**Donate books**  
Drop off good quality books Friday 15 May, 9am-12pm at Benledi House.

**Volunteer**  
Sort, sell or set up. Big impact, short shifts. Thu 14-Sun 17. Scan to register.

**Come along**  
Grab books from \$2. Hundreds of titles, great community vibe. Bring the whole family!

• No damaged, mouldy or outdated books.  
• No encyclopedias, annuals or magazines.

The annual Glebe Book Sale will be held this year on Saturday 16 May at *Benledi* at 186 Glebe Point Road, next to Glebe Library. The book sale will raise money for Glebe Public School's literacy program. Last year the sale raised \$9000.

School captain, 11-year-old Louis Lecoanet, said that the school librarian, Paula Callen, will use the money raised to buy books and to subscribe to Reading Eggs, a website used for literacy for kindy and years 1 and 2 students.

In addition to the books, Louis said there will be baked goods on sale such as cupcakes and cookies, as well as Glebe T-shirts and tote bags. The school's Vocal Enrichment Group will be singing with the Glebe Community Singers. Students from Saint Scholastica's College who are undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award will also help out.

This year will be the 29th annual Glebe Book Sale. Each year the sale has donated money to local causes. For the past 10 years it has raised money for Glebe Public School's literacy program. The school has a strong focus on literacy, recognising the important role that reading and writing play in building educational achievement across all areas of the curriculum. Please note that this year the book sale is on one day only, Saturday 16 May, 9am-4pm.

## Book donations and volunteers wanted

Books—in good condition only, please—can be dropped off at *Benledi* on Friday May 15. Volunteers are also needed to help sort books on the Friday and to assist with sales on the Saturday. To register as a volunteer and say which day and what tasks you could help with, please go to [SignUp](#).