

# 1st edition of The Glebe Society "Bulletin"

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## THE GLEBE SOCIETY NEWS BULLETIN

Since the first General Meeting of the Glebe Society on June 19, the members of the various sub-committees have met to discuss their plans and policy.

The Society will concern itself mainly with the problems threatening Glebe as a pleasant place to live. Our approach will be two-pronged; to ensure that adequate thought and planning goes into new projects in the area; and to preserve and conserve what is good in the already existing buildings and places of historic interest.

To get things done we need expert advice, plenty of willing helpers, good publicity, and most important, plenty of members. If you are not yet a financial member of the Society, we urge you to join. If you are already a member, please interest friends and neighbours in joining. (A blank membership form is included with this bulletin).

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### TOWN PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

On Sunday, June 29, the Glebe Society's Town Planning Sub-Committee held its first meeting. The convenor, Dennis McManus, outlined the main threats to the suburb, and the changes to come. The major issues discussed included the effect of the Department of Main Roads' expressways; the development of the harbour foreshore land (at present occupied by timber yards); the Church of England redevelopment project; the need for more open space and recreational facilities; the need to encourage more tree planting and tree conservation; the better utilization of the existing street pattern; and the problem of industrial development.

Three work groups -- ROADS, BUILDINGS, and RECREATION -- were formed to deal with these problems.

One of the pressing concerns of the Buildings group will be to investigate and report on home unit development in the Glebe area. Home unit construction is accelerating and is regulated by the least satisfactory building code in perhaps the whole of the Sydney area -- one which allows flat buildings to be constructed on lots down to 40 feet in width on an area per unit of 2,500 square feet.

The Recreation group will look into the question of the lopping of trees which occurred recently in Talfourd and Gottenham Streets.

The Roads group will look closely into the Department of Main Roads' expressway proposals.

The next meeting of the Town Planning Sub-Committee will be held at 140 Hereford Street, home of Eric Sandblom, on Sunday, July 13 at 7.30 p.m. The convenor of the Town Planning Committee, Dennis McManus, can be contacted at 131 St. John's Road, Glebe.

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### HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE

The History Sub-Committee has also had its first meeting convened by Max Solling who says: "The aim of the History Sub-Committee is to unearth and record the history of Glebe and to participate in a variety of activities - research, excursions, photographic projects, and to try and preserve buildings of particular historical or architectural merit.

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Management Committee has divided the Social Sub-Committee into two groups -- Social and Community. The convenor of the Social Group is Mrs. Kate Smith, telephone 660-1824 and the convenor of the Community Group is the Rev. Bill McLeod. At the time of this newsletter going to press, both groups had planned a combined meeting on Thursday, July 10 to decide on projects for the future.

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HISTORY WALK

The first activity organised by the Society will be a Historic Walk round Glebe, led by Max Solling, on Saturday, July 19. The Walk will start from the main gates of St. Scholasticus College, Avenue Road, Glebe at 2.00 p.m. After an inspection of the College, the Walk will proceed to other points of interest in Glebe. All members are welcome. If it rains the Walk will be postponed until the following Saturday. If in doubt, ring Max Solling - 660-1160.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the last general meeting of the Society at Glebe Town Hall on June 19, it was decided to hold an Annual General Meeting to ratify the draft constitution. The meeting will be on Thursday, September 4, 1969 at Glebe Town Hall. Copies of the proposed constitution accompany this news bulletin.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The strength of the Society ultimately lies in the number of members it has. Please try and interest your neighbours and friends in joining the Society. Included with this bulletin is a blank membership form.

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Any enquiries should be directed to:-

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BROADWAY. N.S.W. 2007.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to join The Glebe Society, complete this form and enclose membership fee (Ordinary \$2; Family \$3; Pensioners 50¢; Students 50¢).

Mr.  
Name: Mrs. ....  
Miss

Address: .....

Telephone No.: .....