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THE GLEBE SOCIETY

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Sub-Committees in Action

The main work of the Glebe Society is carried on by the Sub-Committees. Since their formation in the middle of last year, their achievements have already been considerable. As 1970 gets under way, they will doubtless achieve much more - provided, of course, that they have sufficient members. So, if you have not already done so, you are urged to join one of the following three Sub-Committees.

Planning Sub-Committee

Next meeting : Sunday 15th March, 8 p.m. at 140 Hereford Street.

Work is in progress on a Master Plan for Glebe. It is hoped that this plan will provide a basis for discussion with the Leichhardt Council and other bodies concerned with the future development of Glebe. It is clearly of vital importance to have such a plan. Other work is concerned with playgrounds, tree planting and the planning of the next garden competition.

History Sub-Committee

Next meeting : Sunday 22nd February, 7.30 p.m. at 17 Avona Avenue.

It is hoped to continue work on the history of Glebe, including studies on early transport, hotels, Estate Agents'

records, photographic material, old newspapers, journals, etc. If anyone has old photos or papers concerned with Glebe, or would like to tell some stories of earlier times, please get in touch with Max Solling (660-1160, after 6 p.m.) or else come along.

Social Sub-Committee

Next meeting : Thursday 26th February, 7.30 p.m.
at 16 Alexandra Road.

Suggestions are needed from people with Bright Ideas for the coming year's activities. There are moves afoot for more history walks, talks by leading town planners, film nights and a wine tasting. These will be planned in detail at the meeting and dates for your diaries will be announced in the next bulletin.

Glebe in the News!

Glebe has featured in the news several times during the past month. In the Local Leader, an article on the threat of the Northwestern Expressway quoted our President, Dr. Bernard Smith; he stated that if the original plan of the Department of Main Roads to put through a tunnel by tunnelling was abandoned in favour of an open cut, the unique historic environment of Glebe would be destroyed. As yet, we have had no final reply from the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Morton, to the letter on this matter quoted in the last issue.

Many historic bodies, until recently, have concentrated their attentions on isolated examples of historical or architectural merit, with no regard for a total environment. The National Trust now values the importance of keeping unique environment intact - an attitude which the Glebe Society wants to foster about Glebe. Here we have one of the few remaining authentic Victorian and Edwardian areas in Sydney. The houses cover a period

from around 1840 to 1910, with most examples still in excellent condition. Many of the houses which Dr. Bernard Smith calls Federation Style (built around 1900-1910) have magnificent tiles imported from the Minton Works in England (see the article on Glebe tiles in the Sydney Morning Herald of 6/2/70), and also coloured glass and terracotta decoration. Dr. Smith is compiling notes on such details and would like to hear from anyone who has examples of them in their home. (You can write to him at 23 Avenue Road, Glebe).

Rates Protest

The Society received a request from the Balmain Association to join it in a protest to Leichhardt Council against the recent decision by the Council to raise the rate by nearly 35 per cent. The Glebe Society replied that although it understood the position of Balmain it did not feel such a protest in Glebe would be appropriate. It was pointed out that the services in Glebe had been kept at a high level by the City Council and that to continue only the most important of these subsidized services put a heavy drain on the resources of the Leichhardt Council.

Watch-dog Committee

Volunteers are needed to help man a watch-dog committee for the Society. This new Sub-Committee will provide information to the Management Committee on matters ranging from suggestions where trees might be planted, to issues such as garbage and dirty streets. Any members interested should ring Mrs. Bernard Smith (660-1824)

Tennis

A tennis group has been formed to play at the Camperdown Courts (off Parramatta Road) on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. onwards. The standard now ranges from A-grade through to Z-grade, so everyone is welcome. There are plenty of courts and it is good exercise!