

THE GLEBE SOCIETY NEWS BULLETIN

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TREMENDOUS NEWS

The Society, as you know, has been extremely worried about the threat to Glebe from the North-Western Expressway. After much discussion and many letters we are delighted to announce that the Minister for Highways, Mr P.H. Morton, has written the following letter to the Society's President, Dr Bernard Smith:

Dear Dr Smith,

I refer again to your letter on behalf of the Society enquiring as to the method of construction of the North-Western Expressway through The Glebe.

The Commissioner for Main Roads has informed me that the Department's design is proceeding on the basis that the North-Western Expressway through The Glebe between approximately Lombard and Maxwell Streets will be a driven tunnel.

Yours faithfully,

(P.H.Morton)

Minister for Highways.

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This means that the section of the Expressway planned to go through Glebe as a tunnel will remain as such and will not be constructed by open-cut methods. It is a major decision for Glebe because it means that a unique environment will be preserved.

The next question is: how vitally necessary is the North-Western Expressway? It runs closely parallel to the Western Expressway along its route through our area. Is it not perhaps superfluous?

LECTURE ON "THE GLEBE ENVIRONMENT".

The first activity planned for this year is an illustrated lecture on Glebe by Mr Elias Duek-Cohen of the Dept. of Architecture at the University of N.S.W. The lecture will be on Tuesday, March 24 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Town Hall. Members of the Society and their friends are welcome. Mr Duek-Cohen is well-known as an entertaining and interesting speaker and will show many slides of houses and buildings in Glebe.

THEATRE PARTY

The Social Sub-committee has organised a theatre party at reduced rates to "The Guardsmen" on April 1. The play is a French romantic comedy starring Lila Keirova (who also starred in "Zorba the Greek"). The tickets have been reduced by a dollar and will cost us \$3.00. They can be ordered from Mrs Kate Smith ~~690-2334/DAVA~~ by sending a cheque to 23 Avenue Road, Glebe Point, 2037, with a stamped, addressed envelope.

COMING EVENTS.

On May 2, an evening of Australian Bush songs and ballads will be held by the Bush Music Society at Glebe Town Hall at 8 p.m.

In June there will be the First Annual Glebe Society Ball. More details in the next News Bulletin.

And on July 4, the Society will hold a historic walk through the Bishopsthorpe area of Glebe.

AFFILIATIONS

The Society is now affiliated with the Civic Design Society; the Royal Australian Historical Society ; and the Royal Horticultural Society.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS AND ARTICLES.

The Society is compiling a record of all newspaper and magazine articles about Glebe and related topics. Any member who comes across an article which appears relevant to the Society is asked to send it to Mrs K. Smith to be filed for the Society's library. Mrs Smith's address is : 23 Avenue Road, Glebe Point, 2037.

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

History sub-committee: Next meeting: Sunday March 29, 8 p.m. at Beth McIntyre's, 28 Ferry Road.

Planning sub-committee: next meeting, Sunday March 22 (N.B. new date) at 140 Hereford Street, at 8 p.m.

Social sub-committee: next meeting: April 2, at 7 .30 p.m. at the Forknall's, 21 Ferry Road.