

## president's message

We have put behind us a very successful year under our immediate past president, Dr. S. Conlon. The most significant happening - with our indirect help - has been the change in our local Council.

Other issues that have given us concern have been the expressways, preservation of historic buildings, the Church lands and the upgrading of our schooling facilities.

The Single most important issue has been the preparation of a planning proposal for Glebe. In this, the walk-up type flats and boarding houses have been successfully stopped or retarded by the present interim code until we can explore ways to allow better development in our community. The key seems to be to encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of as much of Glebe as possible because of its exciting variety of housing types and townscape, the sense of closeness and a true feeling of community. There is yet a tremendous amount of work to be done in this area and I look forward to a greater number of members involving themselves in the preparation of this scheme.

The Society itself needs to find new issues and new projects for its members to be involved in and to this end the Management Committee looks forward to hearing from members about any new ideas and issues that the Society should help with.

The Society is also planning to continue its series of monthly meetings with various speakers. These meetings will have films on specific issues and will be advertised regularly in the Bulletin. We hope that members will give these meetings their full support.

We look forward to a successful year.

P.V.Perumal

### REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION?

-an argument in favour of policies for conservation of older areas of Australian cities.

The Civic Design Society has published a paper by Tony Strachan, a Glebe resident and Glebe Society member, who believes in preaching what he practises. The paper was originally given at the recent ANZAAS Congress and is summarised briefly as follows:

- policies are needed to identify areas of older housing suitable for substantial preservation and rehabilitation;
- the arguments advanced advocate keeping old houses in order to preserve townscape values, because it is usually much cheaper than demolition and building the same number of housing units, and because it causes far less social disruption;
- suggestions are made for a new legislative framework and the British experience is summarised.

Copies of the paper can be obtained by telephoning 519-3393 during office hours or writing to the Civic Design Society at P.O. Box 1, Kensington.2033.



ENQUIRIES: P.O. Box 100, Glebe;  
phone 660 3529 or 660 6485

Ordinary membership	\$2
Family membership	\$3
Student or Pensioner membership	50¢

MEMBERS PLEASE WATCH THIS BOX -  
A RED CIRCLE MEANS YOUR SUB. IS  
DUE.

## MEET MANAGEMENT

Alan Robertson, secretary of the Society, was originally attracted to Glebe solely for economic and geographic reasons - i.e. Glebe was cheap and close to the city. He now hopes to see Glebe become a group of socially-integrated neighbourhoods retaining their interesting physical and cultural diversity, and contrasting with the usual strictly segregated residential suburb.

An accountant by training, but not necessarily by nature, he is concerned about future trends in land prices and the costs of local government. Based on trends overseas, local government costs can be expected to spiral: such economic pressures will result in Glebe being as socially homogeneous as West Pymble. A pity.

He foresees the Glebe Society becoming increasingly involved in state and national issues, and forced to tackle bigger and bigger bureaucracies. He expects that the related problems of transportation and air pollution will become major issues fought at grass roots level. He holds great hopes that Leichhardt Council's new town plan will result in considerable improvement to the immediate physical environment, but believes that citizens will need to band together to do part of the work themselves.

His hobbies? Terrace house rehabilitation, of course!

Jeanette Knox, convener, Social Activities Group, came to Sydney in 1969, after several years overseas, to work at Sydney University Library. Since an early age has been unable to resist books, with the consequence that owning books has led to owning bookshelves, which needed room, e.g. a house - acquired at the beginning of this year. Before then was a flat-dweller, also in Glebe. Likes Glebe because it is a varied kind of suburb, and she can walk to work (if she gets up early enough). Believes the Glebe Society is a Good Thing because it is a means for people to have a say in how they want things to stay or change in their local area; and because she hopes that such local community groups may be one way of overcoming the problem of the impersonality of big cities.

Joined the Glebe Society soon after coming to Glebe and has been secretary of the Social Activities Group during the last two years. Has a bad habit of saying yes when asked to be on a committee with the result that she has been a committee member or office bearer in a variety of organizations since her undergraduate days in Queensland. Also likes saying yes to suggestions for eating out and herself dabbles in cooking from time to time. Goes bush now and again, and to the theatre other times. Tends to remember useless items of information and forget the rest. Basically lazy - so hopes for lots of energetic Social Activities Groupers this year!

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Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th October:  
annual GARDEN COMPETITION - ring  
Marie Webb on 660 6483 if you have  
lost the schedule included with the  
last Bulletin.

Sunday, 15th October: Hunters Hill Trust is running a flotilla of small craft up the Lane Cove River to protest against the proposed Lane Cove Valley Expressway - take your own boat and join in, or contact the Trust C/- Box 85, Hunters Hill.

Friday, 20th October: meet the Glebe Society president, committee, and conveners of the various groups at a WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS - 8pm at 12 Lodge St.

Saturday, 18th November: annual FERRY TRIP, leaving 10am from Ferry Road. Make a note of the date - more details in the next Bulletin.

## GLEBE RESIDENTS'

### PROGRAMME

The Glebe Residents' Programme continues its work of helping to bridge some of the most pressing needs of our community - IF YOU NEED HELP, CONTACT THE GLEBE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE, AT THE GLEBE COMMUNITY CLINIC, GLEBE TOWN HALL:

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 6pm - 8pm  
SATURDAY 10am - 12.30pm

phone 660 6907.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Glebe Society was held in Glebe Town Hall on 9th August, 1972. Reports were received from the outgoing president, the treasurer, and the conveners of sub-committees. Incoming president, Peru Perumal, outlined some of his thoughts on our likely path in the next year, and there was general discussion in favour of wider participation of members in the various activities of the Society. The meeting proper was followed by a showing of "A Future For the Past", a fascinating and extremely relevant film made available by the Civic Design Society, and by supper.

The following members were elected unopposed to the management committee:

president - Peru Perumal  
12 Lodge St. (660 6060)

senior vice-president - Peter Pockley  
19 Mansfield St. (660 6363)

junior vice-president - Albert Mispel  
3 Cardigan St. (660 5996)

secretary - Alan Robertson  
"Eltham", Leichhardt Av. (6606149)

treasurer - Albert Renshaw  
14/2 Mary St.

4 other committeemen - Maureen Colman  
48 Boyce St. (660 4824)  
- Geoff Page  
5 Jarocin Av. (660 7041)  
- Bernard Smith  
23 Avenue Rd. (6601824)  
- Vernon Winley  
21 Arcadia Rd. (660 3529)

In addition, the immediate past president, Sam Conlon, and the conveners of the various sub-committees are ex officio on the Management committee (if they are not already members). In accordance with a motion passed at the A.G.M., the management committee at its first meeting appointed or re-appointed the following conveners:

Social Activities Group - Jeanette Knox  
26 Victoria Rd. (660 7781)

Planning Forum - Tony Strachan  
35 Arcadia Rd. (660 3374)

Parks & Gardens Group - Marie Webb  
30 Talfourd St. (660 6483)

Publications Subcommittee - Vernon Winley  
21 Arcadia Rd. (660 3529)

The appointment of conveners for two other groups was deferred pending receipt of recommendations from the members presently active in them. In the meantime contact for:

History Group - Max Solling (660 1160)  
Photographic Group - Alan Robertson (6606149)

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## FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 22nd September: don't forget we're GOING TO THE TROTS. Entrance to the paddock enclosure is \$1.20 (men) or 80¢ (women), plus 60¢ for the reserve stand (which the Trotting Club recommends for best viewing). If we have a party of 40 or more, we can get a half price concession. First race is usually at 7.30pm, so meet at 7.00pm, Maxwell Road entrance.

Friday, 29th September: meeting of the Royal Australian Planning Institute at which Mr. Gough Whitlam will speak on "The Budget, The Cities, And The Future" - 5.30pm at the Law School, Phillip Street, Sydney.

Tuesday, 3rd October: wanted - new faces and new ideas for the SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP. This is a group, not a committee, so elect yourself to come along for the next meeting - 8pm at the Knoxs', 26 Victoria Road.

Saturday, 7th October: COFFEE MORNING at the Robertsons' - meet your secretary (and others) - 10.30 to 12.30 at "Eltham", Leichhardt Avenue. (20¢)

Monday, 9th October: Civic Design Society meeting with film by Ian McHarg "Multiply and Subdue the Earth", and talk by Milo Dunphy "Potential Eco-Disaster on the South Coast" - 8pm at Applied Science Theatre, University of N.S.W.

Wednesday, 11th October: MONTHLY MEETING at Glebe Town Hall, 8pm with film about planning, and coffee afterwards.

# MISCELLANY

The Society's Planning Forum is now flat out preparing a "Problems and Opportunities Map" of Glebe for submission to Leichhardt Council's Planning Committee. The idea is to highlight the areas with special problems of environment, conflicting land-use, traffic congestion, overdevelopment, dereliction, etc., and those with special opportunities for good townscaping, increasing and improving our areas of open space and pedestrian access, rehabilitation of architecturally valuable buildings, socially desirable development, etc. For the survey Glebe has been divided into a number of precincts and more people are urgently needed to help carry out this work, mostly in your own precinct.

This work must be done. We can't discuss Glebe with just a vague sweep of the hand. The study will also give you a detailed knowledge of your own area and a greater appreciation of Glebe's uniqueness. It is certainly the most important activity of the Society at the moment - ring Tony Strachan on 519 3393 (working hours) or 660 3374 (home).

If you watch TV ads, look at the Freddo Frog chocolate commercial. A small boy grabs a Freddo Frog with considerable glee, rips off the silver paper wrapping, and lets it flutter to the footpath.

The heart of Amsterdam is glorious with its beautifully scaled townscape and peaceful canals. In one of the most beautiful sections of the city, the Amsterdam branch of the First National Bank of America, out of scale with all around it, sits in its cement and aluminium glory, on piers in the middle of the canal.

Food co-operatives are becoming popular in Glebe. Not only do they provide cheap food but they help re-establish the sense of community we are in danger of losing. We hope to be able to publish details at a later date on how to form your own co-operative.

"Miscellany" would like to hear arguments for a Supermarket versus Corner Shop debate. To kick things off; if supermarkets are really cheaper, why don't they charge normal prices and give an overall discount at the check-out?

The Glebe Society's Photographic Group has shown little activity for a while, and a number of enthusiasts, led by Alan Robertson and Albert Renshaw, are keen to reform it. They are even more keen to hear from other interested members - that is, interested in either the picture-taking aspect or the photographic library aspect. The original aims of the group included the building up of a permanent record of both black and white prints and colour slides of Glebe as it was and is for reference and use as the occasion demands.

