



The development of slums has been the worst feature of city growth. Crowded residential areas tend to become slums as soon as the houses in them are too old to warrant repair and renovation. The obvious solution is to replace sub-standard dwellings with blocks of flats or home units, gardens and playgrounds.



(Top) Sub-standard homes in an inner suburb of Sydney.

(Left) This residential building, containing home units or flats, enables sixty families to have excellent homes close to the heart of Sydney. It stands on a site that would not hold more than four cottages.

TEACHING THEM YOUNG

Note the unbiased photography. Look at how the high-rise has been photographed at ground level to exclude other buildings. Your children will probably have a copy of the book. It is "Australia in The Making" by O.W.Hunt, B.A., B.Ec., Dip.Ed., and is a standard Social Studies text book in N.S.W. secondary schools.

For the older children there is the Associated Securities Limited advertisement explaining how Australians are moving "enthusiastically" into high-rise apartments.

It is only a bad rumour that it is almost impossible to get a substantial loan on an old home and that loans on home units are easily "arranged".

We must start instilling the "right" consumer attitudes into our children as soon as possible.

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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: A RED CIRCLE HERE MEANS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to (commence membership of the Glebe Society.
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NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

I enclose cheque/postal note/cash for.....for my annual subscription as an ordinary/family/student/pensioner member.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK

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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).

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 Cottenham Streets.

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

Theatre Parties

The next Theatre Party will be held on Thursday, September 13th. We shall be visiting the Australian Theatre, corner of Lennox and Probert Streets, Newtown, to see "The Wasters". This comedy of manners written in 1910 is set in a leading retail store of the day. Although it was written quite some time ago the play is extremely funny and very relevant to today's changing attitudes towards the place of women in contemporary society.

Bookings, at \$2.00 each, should be made with Albert Renshaw by telephone, (259 0454 during business hours) or by post to Box 100, Glebe NSW, 2037, before September 1st.

HISTORY GROUP

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13th 1973.
at 8.00 p.m. . 17 Avona Avenue, Glebe.
Max Solling is having a meeting of the HISTORY GROUP and hopes a lot of new and interested members will attend. The Society's groups and sub-committees are open to all members.

WHERE WE GOT IT & HOW SPENT IT

Income and expenditure sheet for the period from July 1st, 1972, to June 30th, 1973

Income:	\$	Expenditure:	\$
Subscriptions - family	307.00	Bulletin - printing	178.18
individual	216.00	envelopes	40.79
institutional	25.00	postage	<u>56.14</u>
pensioner	7.00		275.11
student	<u>5.00</u>	Subscriptions to -	
	560.00	The Carlton Association	4.00
Donations	5.00	Royal Australian Historical	
Bank Interest	8.16	Society	10.00
Refund from Leichhardt Council of		The National Trust	<u>15.00</u>
cost of producing planning			24.00
scheme for Glebe in 1971/72	68.00	Functions - Birthday Party	15.70
Sales - Balmain In Time	1.75	Cricket Match	20.00
Bishopthorpe and St.		Music at St. John's	47.55
Phillip's Brochure	3.10	Ferry "rip"	<u>12.73</u>
History Brochures	21.80		95.08
Christmas Cards	41.14	Expressway Monograph	73.51
Afternoon teas at		Bishopthorpe and St. Phillip's Brochure	55.95
Flower Show	6.57	Donation to Glebe Public School	6.57
Garlic Spray and		Photographs	21.90
Seedlings	<u>4.38</u>	Film Hire, "A Future For The Past"	10.00
	78.74	Parks and Gardens Sub-Committee	7.50
Wine and Cheese Tasting	22.80	Social Sub-Committee	10.50
Restoration/Preservation		Miscellaneous stationery, postages, etc.	20.28
Function	14.00		
Garden Inspection	52.90		
History Walks	93.40		
Christmas Party	9.15		
Reussdale Function	8.47		
Hunter Valley Wine Tour	<u>35.00</u>		
	235.72		
	955.62		601.30
b/fwd: Current a/c	64.42	c/fwd: current a/c	332.10
cash	14.35	cash	101.30
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Nominations for GLEBE SOCIETY Management

President Maureen Colman
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Senior
Vice-President Maureen Colman
 Tony Strachan

Junior
Vice-President Albert Mispel

Secretary Alan Robertson

Treasurer Albert Renshaw

Management
Committee
(four positions) Jim Coombs
 Pat Fowler
 Jeanette Knox
 Julia McConnochie
 Dennis McManus
 Shirley Page
 Ted McKeown
 Tony Strachan

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1973 Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday 15th August 1973 at 8.00 p.m.

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st: Well and truly the beginning of the month for coffee. At the Randall Jones' this time, 27 Mansfield Street. See you there - from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (20c).

Ever been to Bungonia?

D'you feel like a weekend in The Great Australian Bush? Then come with me down to Long Point and Louise Reach (Saturday) and Bungonia Gorge (Sunday) for the weekend of August 25th and 26th. It is some of the most beautiful country in New South Wales. You can spend your time ambling around the area or I can organise a bit of exercise for you that will sap your vitality and revitalise your spirit. Be in it. Give me a ring on 259 0454 if you are interested.

Albert Renshaw

THE WOOLLEY CENTRE

The original concept for this centre - an attractive and exciting play environment for children, with facilities for neighbourhood organizations - has been extended to include a number of creative workshops.

The site, at the junction of Woolley and John Streets, is owned by the Salesian Fathers who have agreed to negotiate for a lease to Leichhardt Municipal Council. An interim committee has been formed and a draft constitution prepared; when the site leasing arrangement has been finalised, a public meeting of Glebe residents will be called.

It is envisaged that part of the area will be an attractive park, providing an unsupervised play area for children. In the remainder, an adventure playground, other facilities such as handball courts, and the creative workshops will be established under the control of a full-time supervisor. There will be two types of program: ongoing and short-term (e.g. during school holidays).

A woodworking workshop will assist primarily in the renovation of the existing buildings and provide facilities to other workshops in the Centre. As needs change, it would be able to provide toys and play equipment in the playground areas.

A ceramics, enamelling and mosaics workshop will teach the basic skills and create tiles and panels to sheath the walls of the Centre.

Posters produced in the silkscreen workshop could advertise the Centre's activities and help in fund raising. Fabric printing will lead to the creation of the Centre's soft furnishings and other materials.

Associated with the adventure playground will be a creative play workshop which will be linked to such projects as building and decorating play structures for groups during the day and after school.

All these workshops will be under the direction of a trained supervisor, who will in turn train an assistant from the community. It is expected that all aspects of the centre will be extensively used by all the local schools for recreation and arts and crafts experience.

An application for a grant of \$45,000 has been lodged with the Australian Council for the Arts which the Committee is confident will meet with a favourable response. Once in operation, the Centre can interact with other programs sponsored by the Council such as a venue for travelling theatre and dance workshops. This scheme could be regarded as a pilot project which would provide a valuable blueprint for other centres of a similar nature.

AQUA POOH

The following is part of a reply from the Health Commission of New South Wales to a letter sent, by The Glebe Society, asking questions about water pollution in Blackwattle and Rozelle Bays...

....3. As part of an extensive programme aimed at identifying and documenting existing water quality, the Branch has been undertaking in-stream surveys in all of the Sydney waterways, including Blackwattle Bay and Rozelle Bay. As well as providing basic scientific data this programme is intended to assist in the formulation of a specific water quality enhancement plan for each waterway.

In both areas the dissolved oxygen concentration (as percent of saturation) is frequently outside the desired range of 65 to 110%.

....4. No licences have yet been issued in respect of discharge into these bays, and no notices are being prepared for service on several companies requiring certain action to be taken to abate existing pollution problems.

....5. When a classification has been prepared for the Sydney Harbour - Parramatta River system the proposal will be published in a newspaper circulating in the area (as required by the provisions of Part III of the Clean Waters Act 1970) and one month will be allowed for interested parties to forward comment to the Commission or to formally lodge objections. The Commission would welcome your Society's participation either by favourable comment or by objection after the proposal has been notified.

Yours faithfully,
M.E. Totterdell
Secretary.