

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## POPULAR PLANNING

The Glebe Society has been fortunate in having members who are qualified town planners, engineers, architects etc.. With such professional help the Society's Planning Committee has been able to carry out many commendable projects. Most of this expertise has been very involved in the Outline Plan for Leichhardt Council, a plan which will have great impact on the future of Glebe.

However, we need a second planning group which will be able to concentrate on the problems of Glebe. We are not after professionals, though we would certainly welcome them. We want to listen to those members with pet schemes, new attitudes or just complaints. We recognise that people who live in an area are often best qualified

to express the planning needs of that area. Whether you think planning is about aesthetics or people or politics. Whether you think our problems are caused by too little or even too much or just too stupid planning - you are welcome -.

Don't be frightened away because you know nothing about planning. Some of the world's most desirable urban environments break every rule in the planners' rule-book.

We look forward to seeing you at the  
GLEBE TOWN HALL at 8.00p.m.  
on WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 1974.

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

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

I wish to ☐ (commence) ☐ (renew) membership of the Glebe Society.

NAME .....

PHONE .....

ADDRESS .....

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

### CLEAN STREETS CAMPAIGN

The last meeting of the Clean Streets Campaign Group was held on 19th February at 48 Boyce Street. Two enthusiasts ventured out on a night of torrential rain to come to the meeting - congratulations to them on a great effort. Owing to difficulties over finding a date suitable to both the Balmain Association and the Glebe Society, plans for the Clean-up March have been postponed for the meantime.

A Thought for this Month - Unfortunately the streets of Glebe are a favourite dumping ground for unwanted cars. If there are any abandoned cars near your home, write to:

The Town Clerk,

P.O.Box 45, Leichhardt, 2040,

with a description of the cars, their numbers (if any) and exact position. The Council will arrange for their removal quite promptly, generally in two or three weeks. Keep a lookout for unregistered cars, and report them before they are stripped and smashed. The sticker on the windscreen or nearside front window will show when the registration expired. If it is more than a couple of months out of date the car has almost certainly been dumped. Remember,

The price of cleanliness is eternal vigilance.

M.C.C.



### GARDENING GROUP

All gardening enthusiasts in the Society are invited to a meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 24th April at 48 Boyce Street. The main business will be to arrange this year's Garden Competition. This need not have the format of last year's competition - we will be glad to have fresh ideas. We may also arrange other activities such as talks and visits to gardens elsewhere if there is a demand for such things. So come along and join in the discussion over a cup of tea or coffee.

M.C.C.



### THEATRE PARTIES

We hope to resume theatre parties again this year on the second Tuesday of the month. Albert Renshaw, to whose energy and enthusiasm we owed most of our parties last year - thanks Albert - does not have time to continue at the moment, so we are hoping that theatre party types will take it in turn to organize a booking. In the meantime, Jeannette Knox has the 1973 list, and people on it will be advised of plans. Anyone else who is interested, please let her know (660 7781). She will be pleased also to hear from anyone who would like to organize one of the parties.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES FORUM REPORT

At the meeting on Thursday, 14th February two questions were investigated. What is happening in the area? Where does the Glebe Society participate?

Mrs. Marjorie Bull (social worker, Leichhardt Council) and Dr. Sue Morey, (Director, Glebe Community Care Centre, Hereford Street), gave lengthy and very interesting accounts of their work; Julia McConnachie and Jim Coombes mentioned their submission to Child Welfare (Department of Youth and Community Services) on proposed revision of the Child Welfare Act; accounts of voluntary work current at the Community Care Centre, "Bidura" and "Royleston" were given by members involved. The Society tries to attend the following subcommittees of Leichhardt Council: Youth Advisory Committee, Schools Group, and shortly, a new committee to coordinate and plan current and future welfare services of the Council.

Dr. Morey pointed out special jobs occasionally arise, apart from current voluntary work transporting and visiting patients. An example is the need for people who could work with minimal direction from the staff, supervising small groups of adults at light tasks for an afternoon a week.

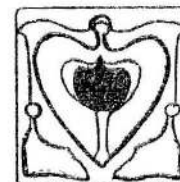
Mrs. Bull encouraged the Society to attend Leichhardt Council's subcommittee meetings, to ensure local knowledge flows both ways and all ways.

Society members and friends are very welcome to spend their available time at the following: outings for institutional children (ring "Bidura" 660 2626 or "Royleston" 660 1269), and transport and whatever else is going on at the Glebe Community Care Centre (ring Andrea Robertson, 660 6149).

For people who like a little responsibility - you might like to offer to attend one of the Leichhardt Council subcommittees and report back to the Glebe Society Management Committee. Learn the job as you go! It won't take long and it will take the pressure off the hard working committee (ring Alan Robertson, 660 6149).

Another meeting may be arranged once the Council's all-encompassing committee gets under way. In the meantime, people intend to keep the schemes going.

A. McK.



## THE WOOLLEY CENTRE

48 Glebe Point Road

PUBLIC MEETING - Wednesday 3rd April, 8 p.m.

The Woolley Centre was established last year by an interim committee of local residents with funds from the Crafts Board and Community Arts Fund of the Australian Council for the Arts. It has formed a close liason with local schools and organised a program of craft and leisure activities for children.

A public meeting is called to approve the draft constitution, elect a management committee and discuss ongoing activities of the centre. Please come along and help firmly establish and extend the exciting possibilities offered by this fledgling community centre.

Kathy Mispel, Secretary. 660-5996.

### Anything to declare?

The Editor of the Glebe Society Bulletin is Ted McKeown. Would all copy be directed to him at 10 Albert Street; phone 660-3917.

## Bidura & Royleston

Why not take one or two children from Bidura or Royleston with you to the cricket match on Sunday 17th March? This should be an enjoyable day for youngsters who otherwise spend a boring week-end within the institution. Members interested to do this should contact Mr. Castley, Acting Manager of Royleston on 660 1269 (boys over six years), or Miss Natrass, Matron of Bidura on 660 2626 (boys and girls under six years and girls over six years). It is advisable to contact Miss Natrass or Mr. Castley as soon as possible to confirm all details regarding departure and return of children. Both institutions tend to be short-staffed on weekends so they do appreciate advance notification of any arrangements outside the normal routine.

J. McC.

## MONHETH

The Glebe Society congratulates the College of Paramedical Studies (now a college of Advanced Education) on its splendid new premises for the library, lecture and seminar rooms. 'Monheth' is at the corner of Cotter Lane (named after the family who lived in the house for many years) and Glebe Point Road and has been sympathetically renovated by the Government Architects Section of the Department of Public Works.

To find suitable uses for the large houses in Glebe is always a problem. They clearly are ideal for institutions such as this. Other examples - The Presbyterian Centre, Royleston and Bidura in Glebe Point Road come to mind. Now we have 'Monheth', a two-storey red brick building of the 1890's. It stands behind a fine wrought iron fence in which the flannel flower can be seen in the design standing proudly erect even if sometimes petals are missing. The garden is to be landscaped in the near future.



Mr. B.R.White has kindly presented the Glebe Society with a ledger kept by his father-in-law, Mr.C.H.Taylor, then running the newsagency at 323 Glebe Road.

No year is given for the ledger but a bill found inside and fortunately undelivered is dated 20/12/24, which gives it a probable date. It covers Glebe Point giving the names and addresses of the customers and the papers delivered. The Sydney Morning Herald cost only 1d in those days. It is to be noted that Mr.Cotter was living at 'Monheth' at that time taking the Herald, the News and The Sunday Sun. Also, the Matron of Royleston was spending 4/- a week on comics. Stuck to the last page is a pencilled note on a piece of newspaper (I should add Mr. Taylor advertises Haberdashery also on his bill -):

"Dear Miss Taylor - please let me have a pair of size 9 tan socks for girlie. I will be up on Saturday to pay you. I only have a pound note and afraid she might lose it.

Mrs.Minchinson,  
243 Glebe Road "

Does the family live in Glebe still?

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members: Miss M.R.Goldrick, Miss Esther Chanton, Wesley Baker, Peter Rose, Elizabeth Mackenzie, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Wirrick, Mr. & Mrs. P.J.O'Keefe, Patricia Freebairn, Tim Clubb, Mr. H.K.Munsie, Frank Weatherall, Kevin Harris, Brett Rawlins, John Little, John and Francine Affleck, Miss V.D. Hicks.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 17th March: CRICKET MATCH against the Balmain Association at Birchgrove Oval. Jim Coombes is still interested in hearing from potential Bradmans and Lindwalls (660-0026). Spectators and barrackers also required - bring a picnic lunch and the children.

Wednesday, 20th March: Next PLAY-READING at Marlon and Randall Jones', 27 Mansfield Street, will be Williamson's Don's Party. Please bring your own copy of the play if you can. Starting time: 7.30.

Tuesday, 26th March: CROCHET GROUP meeting at 23 Avenue Road at 10.30 a.m. Bring your ball of wool and a hook. If you have to buy a hook, sizes 9 or 3.50 cm are recommended.

Saturday, 30th March: 5th ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW at Glebe Public School. 3pm - 5pm. For details contact Marie Webb.

Saturday, 6th April: Coffee this month at Kate & Bernard Smith's, 23 Avenue Road. Here's your chance to welcome the Smiths back to Glebe. Usual time, between 10.30 and 12.30. (20c)

Sunday, 7th April: ANNANDALE HISTORY WALK. Your chance to see inside the Abbey. Cost: \$2.50 includes booklet, wine and cheese. Organised by The Annandale Association and the National Trust Junior Group. Contact Alan Roberts, phone 46-3939 or write, 23 Provincial Road, Lindfield.

Wednesday, 10th April: SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP meeting at Jean Ahlston's, 58 Toxteth Road, 8 p.m. We would (as always) be pleased to see new faces as well as our regular stalwarts. We will be thinking of plans for the next few months' activities.

Wednesday, 17th April: SPECIAL MEETING, 7.30, Glebe Town Hall, to make amendments to the Constitution. To be followed at 8 p.m. by a POPULAR PLANNING FORUM with films and discussion.

Wednesday, 24th April: GARDENING GROUP MEETING. For details see elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Sunday, 28th April: Make a note of the date for a history WALK ROUND THE ROCKS. More details next Bulletin.

Saturday, 4th May: COFFEE MORNING at Joy Wallace's, 19 Gottenham Street.

Saturday, 11th May: We're planning a coach trip to MOUNT WILSON. Confirmation and details in next Bulletin, but probable cost for the day will be \$3.50. Bring picnic lunch. Olga McIntyre (660-2164) or Jeannette Knox (660-7781) will be taking names from intending travellers. We hope to have timed it as a good date for beautiful autumn leaves.

## EASTER AT THE BUDAWANGS

The four days of Easter will see some members of the Society wandering around in the beautiful Budawangs (SW of Nowra on the NSW South Coast). Walking most of the weekend, they will, however, not be straining themselves too much. If you're interested in joining them then contact Albert Renshaw at P.O.Box 100, Glebe 2037, or 259-0454 during office hours.

## MISCELLANY

The following letter was published in the January, 1974, edition of The Paddington Society "News Bulletin". I trust the Society or the author won't mind us reprinting it here.

In the controversy which rages over the re-painting of that historic landmark, the Royal Hotel, I have heard the expressed opinions of some residents that the Paddington Society should initiate moves to a standardisation of the colours of the paintwork used on the exterior of all Paddington buildings.

This prompts me to write to you on a related subject. I have long felt that the diverse dress of the residents of Paddington presents an offensive impression to the many visitors to our area. When shopping in Five Ways on any Saturday morning one can see all kinds and colours of clothing being worn. What an untidy view of our proud ex-municipality we present.

I suggest that a committee be set up to determine the kind of dress considered appropriate for this community. I would think that something with a period flavour would go well with the cast iron lace. Uniformity of colour too is important, shades of beige and cream with touches of chocolate sounds nice. We will of course have to be firm in our enforcement of these standards and your committee could well consider whether sufficient interested members of the community could be found to form a vigilante group which could keep a watchful eye for offenders.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your committee the compliments of the season and look forward to more uniform Christmases in future.

Yours sincerely  
DUNCAN HORNE

A further example of the Wentworth Park trustees' concern for the public's welfare: As is usual during public transport stoppages the park was expected to be open for commuter parking on 5th March. However, the N.C.A. were to have a dog trial meeting that night, and as some cars might have parked free all day and then stayed on into the night, the Trust closed the park all day to ensure the maximum rake-off from paid night parking.

That other park, Harold Park, is to be sold for \$10 million by the Trotting Association. We are all shocked to learn they own it. What a lie are all those patches of green on the map of Glebe!