

## IT'S STILL THE 1948 SHOW, PLUS.....

On the 23rd November 1973, the Sydney Morning Herald, on the North Western Expressway stated, "Official sources told the "Herald" yesterday that advisers working on the study (S.A.T.S.) had agreed that the \$30million first stage of the expressway would be a technical and political mistake."

Some of us, who have some trust in our State Government and the conservative press, greeted the announcement with joy and settled back to wait for confirmation on release of the Sydney Area Transportation Study. Our trust received a sad reward.

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# GREEN BAN FUND

The Secretary,  
The Glebe Society.

1st April, 1974.

Dear Alan,

Over the last year there have been a number of confrontations provoked by the developers and the State Government in regard to some of our "green bans".

It is to the credit of the residents, who along with Unionists have courageously prevented any further devastation of our inner city residential areas where the main confrontations have occurred.

The persistent use by the State Government, police and developers of the Summary Offences Act against these people has not deterred them and I believe very strongly that their struggles are now beginning to bear fruit. Developers and Governments alike are at last beginning to look at the causes of "green bans" rather than how to smash them. I hasten to add that the period of struggle is far from over, and we should be prepared for any emergency which arises.

The struggles of each resident action group are now recognised as the property of all. The close relationship which has emerged over the last few months of most groups in support of the struggles on the Rocks and Victoria Street especially has tightened the solidarity of the resident action movement.

Over 100 people were arrested in the Rocks and Victoria Street confrontations. These charges (the majority being under the Summary Offences Act) are now being heard or will be heard in the immediate future. Barristers, etc. have been hired for some, whilst other people prefer to defend themselves. At this stage it looks as though most will be found guilty and will almost certainly be fined.

I am writing to all resident action groups, including C.R.A.G. and others who are interested in the preservation of historical buildings, on behalf of the residents and the Union to ask for your support in assisting with the costs. Some legal advisors have generously offered their services free, but there are a number of costs involved for others and especially in the area of fines. The majority of people arrested in both instances are low income earners and cannot afford to pay much but a nominal amount for the expenses, fines, etc.

Following the Victoria Street struggle the Union kicked off a "Green Ban Fighting Fund". The initial response was tremendous, but costs have decimated this fund.

The S.A.T.S. report has approved the continuation of the 1948 radial freeway plan into the heart of the city with only one tiny change - a very short section of the Eastern Expressway through Paddington-. All ten free-ways are still to be built and many more. To rub in the salt, the report decries radial freeway construction and laudes the new scheme as the latest thinking on freeway construction - mainly because the additional freeways tend to be a grid system.

But we have to look at this grand scheme from the point of view of construction priority. We have seen grand schemes for Sydney in the past, Green Belts and such which have never been realised. The S.A.T.S. scheme is to be implemented over a period of 26 years. Governments will come and go. Attitudes and life-styles will change. Resources will become scarcer. If we assume that the scheme will never be completed in its present form and look at priorities for construction, we will see that Sydney will end up with the 1948 radial freeway plan, very little improvement to the public transport system and the very worst of all possible worlds.

Professor Orchard, Professor of Highway Engineering, University of New South Wales, an academic who is not against freeway construction in urban areas, has warned, "New expressways should in the first place be sited to encourage development of commercial and industrial areas elsewhere than the city centre. When this has taken effect and only then the radial expressways into the city centre may be constructed without their attendant dangers....".

So, even if the whole scheme is completed....at a cost of \$6,000 (without inflation) to every family in Sydney...it will be constructed in the worst possible order.

Other notes on the report: If every house affected by the scheme were a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre, the number of houses affected would equal 23,000 or 70,000 people. Many of the affected houses occupy as little as  $\frac{1}{68}$ th acre, so that figure is very very conservative.

At least two of the new railway lines are to be constructed along 1948 road reservations. e.g. the Parramatta/Sydney express line and the Mona Vale line. They will be able to use the construction of these lines as an excuse for building the Western and Warringah Expressway extensions.

Albert Mispel.



# LETTERS

I earnestly request your group to assist by direct donations, canvassing for funds, or by any other means possible by which money can be raised.

If you can assist in this matter please contact me on 26 1671 at the Union Office or 32 1649 at home.

Any remittances should be made out to the "Green Ban Fighting Fund" and sent c/- N.S.W. Builders Labourers' Federation Box 55 Trades Hall, 4 Goulburn Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000.

Hoping for your co-operation.

JOE OWENS  
Secretary

Builders Labourers' Federation,  
New South Wales Branch.

The Glebe Society has donated \$100 to this fund.

A.M.



"Nay lad, we're white witches....  
we want this for a kids' adventure  
playground."

Sir,

I noted in your Miscellany Column, in last month's Bulletin, a comment about sporting facilities for the people of Glebe and Annandale which might be constructed if the Trotting Association moves away from Harold Park. There would seem to be an almost complete lack of such facilities in this area for either young people (apart from the Police Boys' Club), young married Mums, or the more sedate. Such groups, I have had it suggested to me, would be interested in Basketball courts, a swimming pool (Victoria Park pool is deplorably overcrowded on fine days now), squash courts, tennis courts, a croquet green. A complex incorporating all these facilities would be of comparatively modest size (compare the area needed for team games such as cricket or football), but would be large enough to make the employment of a caretaker/manager worthwhile. I would commend this thought to the Society as a suggestion to be put to the Council as something of value and of appeal to a cross-section of groups in this community.

I hope, Mr Editor, that other members will have expressed similar views to you.

Jeanette Knox

# HISTORY

The honour of initiating the first co-operative work on The Glebe belongs to Mrs P.C. Williams. There was no municipality at the time. One day, Dr. Fowles called at Mrs Williams residence in Mitchell Street to attend one of her children. He drew attention to the necessity of a drain across the road and when Mrs Williams said her husband would contribute a guinea towards the cost the Doctor proffered a similar sum. Altogether Mrs Williams collected £7; and for this Mr Gallagher laid down a stone drain.

The first act of the Municipal Council was to replace that drain with a smaller one and the result of the change was that Mr & Mrs Williams were flooded out of their house.

From "The Star" 24.7.1909

Kate Smith

Miss Jeanette Knox, 26 Victoria Road, Glebe, 2037. Phone: 660 7781

## Birthday Party, 13th JULY

Please make reservation(s) for the party, to be held at 7.30 p.m. at Jan and Eric Sandbloms', 140 Hereford Street. I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinary and student members: \$ 4 per head

Pensioners: \$ 50c per head

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# MISCEL

Dr Robert Nielsen (of S.A.T.S. fame) had a few words to say about Glebe in an address he gave recently to The Institute of Engineers. At the meeting held on Thursday 6th June, Dr Nielsen declared that areas such as Glebe, Annandale, Lilyfield and Leichhardt are old, stingy and should be torn down and the residents relocated.

He also said that freeways shouldn't go through communities but it was O.K. to put free-ways through communities that were completely destitute.

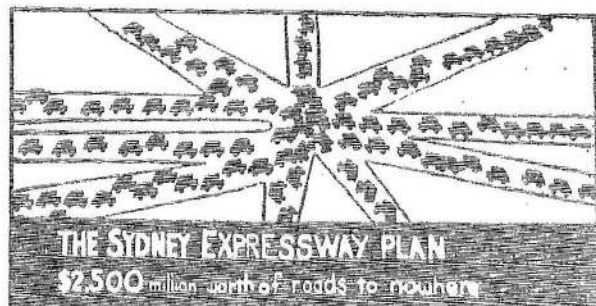
A look at the map of the S.A.T.S. proposals show that virtually no NEW freeway proposals are for the wealthy suburbs of Sydney in spite of these suburbs having the highest per capita ownership of private motor vehicles. It is not hard to work out the meaning some put into the word community.

Sorry if you turned up at the Protest Meeting at the corner of Ferry Rd and Taylor St on Saturday 4th May and wondered where we all were. Australian Portland Cement withdrew its application for the gigantic cement batching plant on Blackwattle Bay two days before the demonstration. We tried to contact as many members as possible and had some people waiting at the site on the day to explain the situation...and just as well because many people still turned up. We like to think that the threat of our protest had a lot to do with the withdrawal of application by the company. We also hope the Maritime Services Board will allow for more sympathetic zoning in the near future.

On 16th May Archdeacon Clive Goodwin, deputy chairman of Glebe Administration Board, formally exchanged the land sale contract for the Glebe "Church lands" with Tom Uren, the Minister for Urban and Regional Development.

The Glebe Society both applauds this change of contract and claims at least some of the kudos for its efforts over the past years to have this large portion of Glebe preserved (refer our special paper "The Glebe Lands Of Bishopthorpe And St Phillip's, The Case For Preservation And Restoration").

Albert Mispel.



## For Your Diary

**SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE: SUPER SOUP SUPPER-** To welcome new members of the Society. At Peter and Jenny Pockleys', 19 Mansfield Street, 8 p.m. So we know how much soup to make, would you let Jeanette or Gwen Knox know that you're coming by Wednesday, 20th June. Phone: 660 7781.

**WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE:** next meeting of the play-reading group at Francine Affleck's, 27 Catherine Street at 7.30p.m. ...to read Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" (or else "Night School", depending on the number of people who come). Bring your own copy of the play if you have one, but there will be some copies available. Look forward to seeing you.

**THURSDAY 27th JUNE: THEATRE PARTY** at 8.00p.m. Union Theatre. Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing". This production is by the Sydney University Dramatic Society, an amateur company including both students and staff, and it is directed by one of our members, Adrian Colman. Tickets are \$1.00 each, a saving of \$1.50. Names and numbers to Maureen Colman, 48 Boyce Street (Tel. 660 4824) by Thursday 20th June, please.

**SATURDAY, 6th JULY: COFFEE MORNING** will be at Marion Harris', 280 Glebe Point Road. See you there for a cuppa and a biscuit and a chat, between 10.30 and 12.30 (still 20c)

**SATURDAY, 13th JULY: THE GLEBE SOCIETY BIRTHDAY PARTY** will be held this year at Jan and Eric Sandblom's, 140 Hereford Street. Time: 7.30p.m. for eats at 8.00p.m. - Hot Buffet Variety, so don't dine beforehand. 10 o'clock please be ready for us to go all OLD FASHIONED PARTY STYLE and perform. In other words, bring your harp and your music. Be prepared for songs round the piano, and if you can't sing, brush up your recording technique. Please let Jeanette Knox have the form (see elsewhere in this Bulletin) making your reservation and your funds by 7th July so that we have numbers for catering.

**TUESDAY, 30th JULY:** Last meeting of the Social Activities Group before the Annual General Meeting. Business: to discuss plans for the remainder of 1974 and, most importantly, to arrange for a convenor of the group for next year. Jeanette Knox has convened for a couple of years, and thinks it would be a good idea for a new, energetic body to take over now. Any volunteers?

### 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.