

THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1974 Annual General Meeting of The Glebe Society will be held at the Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday 21st August 1974 at 8.00 p.m.

At this meeting you will be voting for a new Management Committee for the next 12 months. Nomination for election to a position on the Management Committee is open to all members.

The following members are to be elected

These are the positions to be filled:

President
Senior Vice-President
Junior Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
4 other Committee Members.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee must comply with Clause 10 of the Constitution. This means they must be signed by the nominated person (with occupation and address) and two proposers, and must reach the Secretary at least 14 days before the annual General Meeting - in this case, 7th August, 1974.

Only positions for which no nominations have been received in advance will be open to nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Para.5 Change definition of "Family" member to: Household, (covering two or more persons living at the same address. Payment of the household subscription entitles all members of the household to participate in Society functions; two members to vote at any or all elections; the household to receive one copy of each issue of the Bulletin and one copy of any other printed material distributed gratis to members of the Society.)

Para.9 "...Vacancies on the management committee, and the position of auditor, may be filled between the A.G.M.'s" (Add underlined section.)

Para.10 Turn this paragraph into two paragraphs, called (i) and (ii):-
(i) to be the present paragraph 10;
(ii) to be: "Any two members of the Society may nominate a suitably qualified person or group of persons as auditor(s) to the Society. Such nomination shall be signed by the two members and shall bear the written consent of the person(s) and shall be posted to reach the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. Notice shall be sent to each member before the Annual General Meeting of the names of persons correctly nominated. If no nominations are received prior to the A.G.M. then nominations may be called for at the A.G.M."

Para.11 Third line, alter "members" to "persons".

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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.

DOES YOUR STREET NEED TREES?

Leichhardt Council has been actively pursuing a street tree planting campaign since early 1972, but will have difficulty in completing its current program by the end of 1974.

If you have any ideas on how we can assist in this very worthwhile work, please phone Alan Robertson at 660 5996.

GLEBE POINT WATERFRONT

Parkes Development Pty.Ltd. seems to have assumed that because both it and the Society support the rezoning of the Glebe Point East land from waterfront industrial to residential (provided adequate public open space is reserved), the Society necessarily supports the Parkes development proposals.

The Society has recently had cause to write to the Company, pointing out that it does not support their proposals, either as a whole or in respect of any particular detail. In particular, the Society opposes the proposed demolition of the residential properties known as 31 to 45 Leichhardt Street, Glebe Point, at least until such time as development applications are approved by the Council.

SHARECROPPING

Bruce Wils would like to hear from anyone who is interested in the idea of weekend farming. This could be along the lines of a tenancy-in-common, or co-operative arrangement. A dozen individuals and families with, say, \$2,500 each would be in a good position to buy 30 or 40 acres of land with some kind of structure on it, within 120 miles of Glebe. With this number of people there should be a regular utilisation of the land, and labour would not be a problem. The primary purpose would be recreation and, although monetary profit would be unlikely, nobody should lose money under such an arrangement. Anyone interested in discussing the possibilities could ring him at 660 4212.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I was very disappointed to see the pamphlet, "Plant a Tree Today" enclosed with the last Bulletin. It was issued by the N.S.W. Department of the Environment as part of the big whitewash job designed to cover up government complicity in the destruction of our environment.

We must avoid such traps!

Paul Petit
Glebe.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The Legal Environmental Action Group of Sydney University Law School has been conducting an environmental law course at the Law School every Wednesday night since 5th June. The last seminar will be held on 17th July (See FOR YOUR DIARY). Previous topics have been as follows:-

- Sociology - "The Sociological Consequences of Environmental Law".
- Economics - "Economic Sanctions as a means of Environmental Control".
- Politics - "Does Politics Interfere with the Effective Control of the Environment?"
- Administration - "Are our Environmental Laws being properly Administered?"
- Comparative Law - "A Comparison of Australian Environmental Law with the Law in Other Countries".
- Action Groups - "The Role of the Environmental Action Group and its Effectiveness".

Our thanks go to Pat and Lyndie O'Keefe for bringing this course to our attention. Unfortunately their letter was delayed by the postal dispute until after the publication of the last Bulletin, but we are hoping to publish a summary of some of the more interesting points covered shortly.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

The Society has produced a brochure for new and intending members, setting out in general terms the aims and activities of the Society and including a membership application form.

If you would like a supply of these brochures, contact Alan Robertson (660 6149).

HELP

Ten times each year the Glebe Society prints a bulletin. The Bulletin is folded by members and then placed in envelopes that have been addressed by members. (That takes five or six people most of the night to do.) Afterwards, that same night, small bundles of bulletins are delivered to individual members throughout the Glebe for delivery to your home as soon as possible.

As the Society gets larger this work gets greater and it now seems an appropriate time to ask for a bit of help with this work. If you can spare a night, say once each two months, or if you would be able to deliver up to fifteen bulletins in your immediate neighbourhood, then I would like to hear from you.

You can ring me at home, (660-0682), or at work, (259-0544), or you can write to me c/- The Glebe Society.

Albert Renshaw.

HISTORY

For some time macabre Max Solling has been stealing through Rookwood and Waverley cemeteries on moonlit nights gathering snippets from weathered tombstones and pawing through Probate records, burial tomes, newspapers and other sources, in deadly earnest. The information has been recorded on a card index and it is hoped to publish later this year these biographical notes on about 540 Glebe, Balmain, Leichhardt and Annandale residents, including 211 aldermen, 48 M.L.A.'s, 53 priests and clergymen, builders, teachers, architects, tanners, sportsmen, auctioneers, quarrymen, coopers, blacksmiths, publicans, omnibus proprietors, etc.

Issues 5 & 6 of the Leichhardt Historical Journal will be available from Max Solling early in August. The aim of the Journal, formed in 1971 by Max Solling, Alan Roberts of the Annandale Association and Peter Reynolds of the Balmain Association, is to encourage the reading, writing and research of all aspects of the history of the suburbs within Leichhardt Municipality and articles published in the first four issues have ranged from reminiscences of residents to the histories of houses, short biographies, the histories of organizations such as churches, clubs and so on to the studies of municipal politics and the patterns of residential and commercial development. The average number of words per journal so far is about 12,000. A small number of copies of issues 3 and 4 are still available from Max Solling, 17 Avona Ave., at 50 cents each.

A small amount of work has been done on the project, "Glebe during the Depression Years". It is intended to research crime, unemployment, poverty, entertainment, local personalities, the role of the churches and other institutions during this period of hardship.

I have prepared a list of suggested references for the varied aspects of life in Glebe in the 1930's. Anyone interested in searching through newspapers and other sources for material of local relevance or interviewing residents, please come to a meeting of the History Group at 7.30 p.m. on 17th July at 17 Avona Avenue.

Max Solling.

Annandale Association member Mrs. Simpson, who is also a member of the National Trust, has written to the Glebe Society concerning the loss, through re-development, of interesting houses in the Western suburbs. She is working to record many of the houses but is concerned that there seems no local resident action group willing to work towards their preservation. If Society members have friends who might become involved, perhaps they might begin by talking to Mrs. Simpson who can be contacted through Betty Mason, 660-3468.

EXCERPT FROM TED HOLLOWAY'S LETTER ABOUT THE GLEBE HE REMEMBERS FROM HIS CHILDHOOD

"...Dad was one of the Foundation members of the Glebe Volunteer Fire Brigade.

I remember a large illuminated address he had with his photo inset, and a couple of gold medals. I remember one had a replica of a very old style fire engine on it: on which a wheel revolved.

The original fire station was in Mitchell Street next to a small cottage behind a shop which was a pawnbroker's shop. I suppose the building is still there.

Then they built the present fire station in St. John's Road. When I was a little fellow (too young to pronounce the horse's name, Jerusalem) I used to pester my brother to take me down to Mitchell Street to see the horse. It was a horse-drawn fire-engine and this horse was famous. When the fire bell rang for action he'd release himself from his stall and go and get into the shafts and almost harness himself up.

He was so famous that when he died they had his head stuffed and mounted on cedar and an inscribed plaque under the head. This was in the new station but I believe it has been done away with now.

My mother told me an amusing incident which happened amongst the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. They had a wager as to who would be at the fire station first if the bell were rung softly in the middle of the night. The prize was a box of cigars (or a cigar). No one suspected when the bell would ring. My mother was a light sleeper and she heard the bell faintly ring and dug my father in the ribs with her elbow and said "Quick Joe, there goes the fire bell". Consequently Dad was first there and he won the prize.

I have already told you of the horse-drawn buses from Glebe Point to Central Railway and another across Pyrmont Bridge to Market Street. My mother told me that a bus got away and went down the hill, gathering speed all the way and went splash into the water.

Did you know that Jubilee Park was once a Chinese Gardens? There must have been a lot of Chinese in the Glebe in those days for them to build a joss house. I suppose it is still there? And I can just remember a place called Cork's Paddock. Very rugged and rocky. Goats roamed ad lib. And we kids would catch the goats and ride them. Then, when we got home we'd catch it again. "Go and have a bath, you've been to Cork's Paddock riding those billy goats again." This was in the vicinity of Burton, Ferry and Avon Streets. I suppose it is still there as the terrain was too rough and rocky to do anything with it".

For Your Diary

Wednesday, 10th July: "The Role of the Environmental Action Group and its Effectiveness". Speakers: D. Thompson (Secretary, Ecology Action), Jack Munday (Environmentalist) at Sydney University Law School, 173-175 Phillip St., 6.30 p.m. Lecture Theatre 7 (Level 2).

Saturday, 13th July: Don't forget the BIRTHDAY PARTY at Jan and Eric Sandblom's, 140 Hereford Street. 7.30 for eats at 8 o'clock. \$4.00 a head (pensioners 50c). Get your bookings to Gwen or Jeanette Knox, 26 Victoria Rd., 660-7781, as soon as possible please (numbers for catering needed by 7th July). Jim Coombs will be our distinguished Master of Ceremonies. Please tell him (660-0026) or one of the Knoxes what you will be playing on your harp/flute/the piano or reciting when it's time for the performing part of the evening so that he can arrange a suitable program. Brush up your talents ladies and gentlemen. please.

Wednesday, 17th July: "Proposals for the Reform of Environmental Law in N.S.W." D.L. Jacobs (Local Environmental Action Group), & Mr. Justice Harold Glass of N.S.W. Supreme Court. Law School, as above, 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd July: A quantity of performers needed for our next PLAY-READING, which will be Oscar Wilde's Woman of No Importance. There is a large cast, so opportunities for all. Bring a copy of the play if you have one. Location - 26 Victoria Road, Jeanette Knox's. Time - 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 1st August: Last meeting of the Social Activities Group before the A.G.M. 8 o'clock at Gwen and Jeanette Knox's, 26 Victoria Road. Roll up everyone - both 'old' and 'new' members - to plan next year's activities.

Saturday, 3rd August: Coffee morning at the McManus establishment, 3 Rosebank Street. We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and biscuits - 10.30 to 12.30 (20c).

Saturday, 7th September: Note 48 Boyce Street, Maureen and Adrian Coleman's, for the September coffee morning.

WEEKLY

Mondays, 10.30 a.m., Crochet group meets.

Ring Kate Smith for details (660-1824).

Sundays, 9.00 a.m. Tennis at Pidcock Street, Camperdown courts. Ring Max Solling, (wk.: 20545 ext. 306 or home: 660-1160) if you would like to play.

MISCEL

It was pleasing to see that Leichhardt Council's decision to disallow a large unit development covering the sites of 72 and 72A Johnston Street and the two houses fronting Annandale Street directly behind them, (in Annandale), was UPHELD by the Local Government Appeals Tribunal when the developer appealed against Council's ruling. The units would have overlooked and overshadowed all the houses on the northern side of Reserve Street between Johnston and Annandale Streets, completely destroying their privacy and living amenity. Residents of Reserve Street organised themselves most effectively to oppose the plans and they, as well as Council, are to be congratulated.

(from the Annandale Association Newsletter, June, 1974).

After the tin can scare, now a glass scare for the British food industry. An overtime ban by some workers at ICI's soda ash factory at Northwich, in Cheshire, is beginning to affect production of glass bottles and jars for all kinds of food and drink. Rockware, with one-third of the British glass container market, is planning to cut production by half by the end of next week. With packaging materials of all kinds in short supply, people may have to eat fresh food.

(from 'The Economist', England, June 8th, '74.)

Correspondence.

The Society has been writing to the State Departments concerned, in the hope that vacant grassy land between "Royleston" boys depot and the N.S.W. College of Paramedical Studies might be used as play area for the boys. The land is part of the College grounds. We hope a suitable arrangement will be made soon!

Julia McConnochie.

CONTEMPLATING RENOVATIONS?

Contact the Society's Committee for comment and advice:-

Tony Strachan - 660 3374 or 519 3393 (Bus.)

Alan Robertson - 660 6149 or 2 0572 (Bus.)

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.