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# GLEBE IN NEED

At Kate Smith's home on 23rd September, 1974 Marion Jones and Julia McConnochie joined the Crochet Group for an informal discussion of some current social welfare issues. The two major topics raised may be of interest to the general membership.

# 1. REVIEW OF CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES:-

A review of the existing Child Welfare Act (1939) is currently being undertaken by a number of citizen - professional committees especially appointed by the Hon. R. O. Healey, M.L.A., Minister for Youth and Community Services. The Minister's recent call for comment on this legislation met with a deluge of public response hundreds of submissions were made by organizations and individuals interested in family and child welfare in this State. The review committees will examine all submissions and make recommendations to the Minister for proposed new legislation. In addition, Judge Muir of the District Court has been engaged to make a thorough investigation of the legal processes involved, and he will advise the Minister on the legal framework for the new Act.

We welcome this review, as it is directly concerned with children's courts, fostering, institutional care, provisions for the retarded, licensing of day care centres and nurseries, maintenance and employment of children, etc.

This legislation is relevant to "Bidura" and "Royleston" Depots, where we have developed good contacts over the past year. Community access to these institutions is a very healthy sign, and it is most important that we maintain open channels of communication. We also hope to "infiltrate" the Girls' Shelter and arrange some volunteer liason with the staff there soon.

#### 2. AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE PLAN

The Australian Assistance Plan is a nationwide project of the Social Welfare Commission, which has been established within the portfolio of the Minister for Social Security, The Hon. W. G. Hayden, M.P. The aim of the A.A.P. is to assist in the development, at a regional level, of integrated patterns of general welfare planning, complementary to programmes for income-support, health, education, housing, employment, migration and other social policies. Finance made available is additional to that already expended by other Federal Departments and State Governments.

The A.A.P. will be implemented by a series of Regional Councils for Social Development. Leichhardt, South Sydney and City of Sydney form a region, and representatives of these areas have formed an Interim Steering Committee. Recently, the Leichhardt A.A.P. Committee was formed, and is now meeting monthly. The individual wards are represented by local Working Parties which are in the process of getting started.

The Glebe-Annandale A.A.P. Working Party is holding a public meeting at <u>GLEBE</u> TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT 2 P.M.

All community organizations will be invited to participate and all residents should attend.

See what Glebe already offers, meet the people who are involved in existing organisations, talk about what you would like to see in Glebe.

The A.A.P. is a unique strategy backed by Federal funds and expertise. It presents exciting possibilities which could result in benefits for us all.

For details: Julia McConnochie 660.7605



# A Timely Thought

for the



## Festive Season

1870

Legislative Assembly NEW SOUTH WALES

RETIAL OF FERMENTED AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS REGULATION BILL

(Petition-Certain Electors And Inhabitants Of The Glebe)

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be Printed, 4 October, 1870

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors and Inhabitants of the Electoral District of the Glebe,-

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH: -

Your Petitioners are deeply impressed with the fact, as proved by the undisputed testimony of Ministers of the Gospel, Judges, medical men, and statisticians, that the large consumption of intoxicating

liquors in this Colony is the chief of the drunkenness, immorality, luna crime, and pauperism that prevail, a consequence necessitates so much to That these evils are for the most paper promoted by public-houses for the casale of such intoxicating liquors.

The evils flowing from public-he and places of amusement connected withem are greatly increased by the fities afforded for obtaining licenses by their vast number, causing all clof the community to suffer from a towhich reduces the amount of industry wastes so much of the public resource the Colony.

It appears to your Petitioners is just, expedient, and perfectly constitutional principles, that people be empowered to protect them against this demoralizing system, at that a thorough reform of the licentaws is imperatively required.

Your Petitioners therefore humb your Honorable House to enact a Peri Law, enabling the electors of any sarea, city, township, municipality, police district, by a majority of thirds, to prevent the common sale intoxicating liquors within their or locality.

And your Petitioners, as in dutwill ever pray, &c.

Dated this thirtieth day of Septemb

(Here follow 200 Signatu

(Courtesy of Max Sc

# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Management of the Glebe Society wish to extend the season's greetings to our members, and to thank all those of our several committees who have willingly given of their time during the year in support of the Society's objectives.

We expect in the new year to increase our membership and extend our activitie

Bernard Smith

#### TOM UREN AND THE GLEBE ESTATE

On 18th October the Federal Government arranged a public meeting at the Glebe Town Hall to discuss the future of the Glebe Estate, formerly the "church lands". It was attended by over five hundred local residents.

Messrs. Tom Uren, Minister for Urban and Regional Development, Les Johnstone, Minister for Housing and Construction, and Henry Wardlaw, the acting project manager of the Glebe Estate, addressed the meeting. Mr. Jim Cope, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and our local member, was also present.

Mr. Uren commenced by stating that the project had been initiated by the former Mayor, Alderman Nick Origlass, who also attended the meeting.

Mr. Uren and Mr. Johnstone answered questions raised by the local residents, and also clarified certain points of policy.

- The Glebe Project Board comprises the permanent heads of the two Ministers' Departments and the Chairman of the Cities Commission, the site management being entrusted to a project manager.
- Mr. Uren stated that the position of project manager will be nationally advertised, and that a person most qualified to do the job will be appointed.
- A construction manager will be appointed to assist the project manager in carrying out the construction aspects of the project.
- 4. All existing tenants will be permitted to remain in their homes.
- All rents will be fixed on a fair basis.
- New tenancy applications will be considered in order of receipt, and assessed on the basis of needs.
- The bulk of the housing will be retained for low income families and pensioners.
- Rental rebates will be allowed on the basis of the Commonwealth-State housing agreement where applicable.
- Community participation will be encouraged through direct representation on a committee to be set up, and will

- include local residents and special interest groups who will make a positive contribution towards the project.
- 10. There will be a second advisory committee consisting of representatives from government bodies such as Health and Education.
- A priority list will be established to carry out the rehabilitation in a methodical way.
- 12. The first priority of the project office will be to waterproof all the buildings in the area, starting with the roofs.

The meeting was highly successful, and was interrupted by spontaneous bursts of applause as the speakers made the points.

This project is an exciting one for all residents of Glebe from a number of points of view, namely:

- (a) It maintains housing for low income workers, where they have traditionally lived within close proximity to their work places.
- (b) A good socio-economic mix is preserved in Glebe and, more important, a long term existing social fabric is not destroyed.
- (c) A 47 acre hundred year old townscape is preserved substantially intact in a practical manner for posterity as part of our national heritage. Hopefully it will be included in the National Estate and classified by the National Trust.
- (d) For the first time, it will test a community's involvement - through direct participation in committees - in determining the community's own future and environment.

The residents of Glebe, through keen interest, participation and perseverance with the previous Council, have succeeded in achieving a very worthwile objective. The experience of this valuable effort should be kept alive, built upon and maintained.

The Federal Government and, in particular, Mr. Tom Uren and Mr. Les Johnstone, should be congratulated on their untiring efforts in making sure that this project is a success.

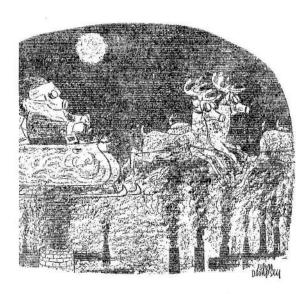
Peru Perumal

#### STMAS PARTY

What better way to start your Christmas brations than our party on 7th December emp & Pat Fowlers, 37 Arcadia Road! e will be dancing under a sky-blue uee, Cordon Bleu cookery (glazed hams, fed turkeys, mouth watering salads and sh pastries) plus a chance to meet r people from Glebe. The word for the ing is 'casual' so come along, bring iend and enjoy yourselves.

Ring early and let us know if you are ng. Tell us before 1st December. 0 per head, 50¢ pensioners.

> Hilary Larkum 660.7030 Kathy Pickles 660.4924



#### The Revenger's Tragedy

ike, royal lecher! Go, grey-haired adultery,

- I thou his son, as impious steeped as
- I thou his bastard, true-begot in evil:
- l thou his Duchess, that will do with

you dare to read on? Come to the play ading on 27th November to witness lust, rder, revenge, intrigue as it happened centuries ago.

e "For Your Diary" for details.

#### KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES

The current convenors of the various committees are as follows:-

Environment: Tony Larkum - 660.7030

Max Solling - 660.1160 Kate Smith - 660.1824 History:

Parks & Gardens: Theo Ahlston - 660.1083

Peru Perumal - 660.6060 Planning:

Tony Strachan - 660.3374

Albert Mispel - 660.5996

Publications: Ted McKeown - 660.3917

Albert Mispel - 660.5996

Social Activities: Hilary Larkum -

660.7030

Kathy Pickles -660.4924

Social Welfare: Julia McConnochie -660.7605

All committee convenors are automatically members of the Management Committee.

#### LEICHHARDT COUNCIL AND CITIZEN COMMITTEES

There has been wide publicity of the abrupt cessation of the Town Planning Committee. Not so much has been said about the now defunct Social Development Committee. The latter had a brief life under our previous council.

It did not exist long enough to form any clear policies, but to its credit were: a detailed submission on Family Day n Care reaching Federal level; liason with Macquarie University on research for Family Day Care; some preliminary work on needs of the elderly, migrants and under-

The Social Development Committee emphasised the widespread interest in an open forum, where community needs and aspirations could be articulated. It is to be hoped that the energy and expertise it attracted will not be lost, but will now be channelled constructively through the working parties for the Australian Assistance Plan.

Julia McConnochie

\* Fence post on derel house in Bellevue !

ART AND THE COMMUNITY was the subject of Morrice Shaw's illustrated talk at Hilary and Tony Larkums' house on Sunday, 20th October. He described community art organized by the City Arts Workshop in New York, his slides depicting grim living conditions and great poverty in suburbs of New York and Chicago. The pressure of the racial riots in the 1960's caused Federal money to flow into social care, and, indirectly, the City Arts Workshop came into being for residents of an underpriviledged area in New York.

The Workshop organizes applications for funds, seeks authorities' approval when necessary, initiates projects and hires professionals to guide those projects.

They vary from videotaping, printing, street festivals (with chalk drawing on the footpath, tyedying, stencil art, cooking, music groups, "paint ins", and decorating the street with tye-dyed flags and other attractive paraphanalia), to wintertime groups planning and drafting enormous murals that are put in place in summer, transforming ugly featureless buildings into something worth looking at.

The City Arts Workshop discusses ideas with the locals until it is clear what project is wanted. The professionals devise techniques that don't require any great skill, and offer guidance along the way as the project continues. We are all self-conscious about our lack of painting and drawing skill but the artists and paid helpers stress the fun of the process, and not the product to locals who join in. In a fairy tale way technical skill increases as people work; Morrice's slides showed some finished murals breathtaking in colour, message and technique. Such projects as these add something new to the locality, reinforce people's identity, and awake creativity despite uninspiring backgrounds.

Success in completing the activities is due to a hard core of (paid) workers on projects, who keep things moving. Locals are employed in these positions. Voluntary help is always welcomed - but we have all experienced how this tends to fluctuate from time to time!

When next you meet one of Morrice's audience, ask what happened when the Community Arts Workshop, locals from Harlem, and General Grant's Tomb got together:

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#### COMMUNITY ART IN GLEBE

ZUZZA-BWOGGA is a theatre and play structure. Morrice used the Workshop's techniques to get the project going. The school was the principle community in this instance, although any voluntary help was encouraged, and still is - watch for the publicity and join in the fun.

The project is a prototype for Sydney; architecture students participated, and they will return to study the children's use of it next year.

Children now use Zuzza-Bwogga only when supervised, as the soft tan bark floor is not yet laid.

THE WOOLLEY CENTRE is a few doors up Glebe Point Road and its drama teacher will work with the school children on Zuzza-Bwogga's theatre. The centre is open to all children from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays, and it may manage even longer daily sessions in the Christmas holidays. It will continue to offer silk screening, pottery, tiling for Zuzza-Bwogga, drama and other projects if the demand is shown. Drop in and find out what's on.

OUR THANKS to Morrice Shaw for his lecture and its stimulation. Art, in the broad sense of community art, will grow here as its reputation for fun and creative pleasure circulates and increases.

Alison McKeown



#### MUSICAL EVENT

Evidently, a man of many talents,
Morrice, together with Robert Stead on
violins, David Oldroyd on cello, and
Peter Armstrong on keyboard, treated us
to a concert of chamber music on October
27th at Jo and Grahame Budd's place.
The beautiful setting complimented a
brilliant performance of works by Vivaldi
and Beethoven. \$24.68 was donated at the
end of the evening to the Woolley Centre.

#### AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COURSE

mbers will recall that details of an ronmental Law Course at Sydney versity Law School were published in Bulletin earlier this year. Lyndel sefe arranged for the following report.)

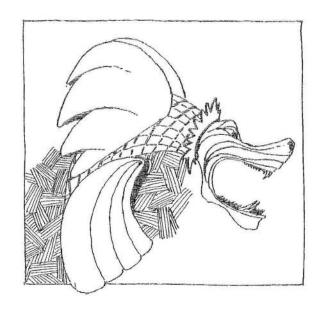
A group of students at Sydney University School have been researching environtal law for the past two years, and ided that it would be worthwhile to run environmental law course for the purposes increasing community awareness of the plexity of the problems involved, and provide a base from which a credited see could be developed.

The 1974 course comprised of seven, hour seminars held each Wednesday it in June and July. At each seminar guest speaker would present a paper, another would reply. A discussion of eximately one hour followed. The nar topics covered the areas of tics, economics, administration, ology, comparative law, action groups reform. Speakers included politicians, lemics, business leaders and a judge of Supreme Court of N.S.W. Admission was and open to all.

The course was a great success. It attended by a great variety of people, at almost every seminar the lecture tre was overflowing. Discussion was simed and very lively, and a great deal ctivity was stimulated by the course.

Two decisions have been taken as a lt of the course: firstly, a submiswill be drawn up and presented to Faculty of Sydney University Law of for a post-graduate course in ronmental law, commencing in 1976. Indly, a course similar to the 1974 se will be held in 1975. We shall se the Glebe Society of details early year.

David L. Jacob
President
Legal Environmental
Action Group
Sydney University Law
School.



Gargoyle - Record Reign Hall - David Kirby



#### GARDENING GROUP

The activities of the gardening group for the coming year are now being arranged by the group convenor, Theo Ahlston. The general idea is to have periodic meetings in the gardens of members, when gardening matters can be discussed and ideas exchanged in an informal atmosphere.

It is hoped to hold a preliminary meeting as soon as possible, when details can be discussed. Anyone at all interested in gardening is invited to contact the abovenamed at 58 Toxteth Road - phone 660.1083.



## GLEBE'S PARKS & GARDENS

It may come as a surprise to learn that there are a total of 107 parks, gardens and playgrounds (leaving aside areas of "small extent", such as the Glebe Town Hall gardens) maintained by the parks and gardens staff of Leichhardt Municipal Council. Of these, by far the greatest number are in Glebe Ward - a total of 33. The other Wards fare as follows:-

Balmain	24
Annandale	19
Lilyfield	14
Rozelle	11
Leichhardt	6

If you are wondering where all the patches of green in Glebe are, look for the following: -

Jubilee Park Marine Reserve Leichhardt and Stewart Streets Rest

Avona Avenue Rockery Forsyth Street Depot Lawn Ernest Pederson Reserve incorporating "Kirsova" No. 4 Playground

The Alice Lee Reserve The Thomas Portley Reserve Splatt Pre-School Playground Group Centre

Lyndhurst Street Plantation The Sarah Peninton Playground William Carlton Gardens Rest Area Rose Eaves Rest Area - Talfourd Lane Toilets

The Doherty Reserve Playground and Rest Area

Minogue Reserve Playground and Rest Area

David Sands Memorial, Broadway Catherine and Seamer Streets Rest Area 181 Arundel Street

The May Pitt Playground

Caldwell Playground, Wood Street

Ross Street - Charles Street Playground Ross Street - Hereford Street Rest Area Harold Park

Lewis Hoad Reserve

A. V. Henry Rest Area The John Victor McMahon Reserve

"Kirsova" No. 3 Playground

St. James Avenue Land

Arthur (Paddy) Gray Rest Area

Rosebank Street Playground

Dr. H. J. Foley Rest Park

Chester Street at Johnston's Creek,

Rest Area, Camperdown

Cahill Street Playground, Camperdown

## 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.

### CONTEMPLATING RENOVATIONS ?

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

Tony Strachan - 660.3374 or

519.3393 (Bus.)

Alan Robertson- 660.6149 or 2.0512 (Bus.)



The monograph written by Jim Coombs and John Gerofi on the upgrading and use of the existing Leichhardt-City railway line has now been printed.

Copies may be obtained from Jim Coombs (660.0026)



NATIONAL TRUST DIARIES for 1975 now avail able from Albert Renshaw (660,0682) at th bargain basement price of \$2.20. Buy a dozen - ideal for Christmas presents!



### WELCOME

Richard and Sonja Willis Ros Taylor Rick Sinclair Terry Roberts Graham and Margaret Smith Leonie and Mark Henschke Elvia McGuinness Janette Thompson Patrick Maher Sue and Kevin Phillips Peter Vester

# FOR YOUR DIARY

Inesday, 20th November at 8 p.m. - a
 meeting at Evan and Julia McConnochie's
 house, 50 Boyce Street, of all people
 interested in setting up the local AAP
 Working Party and formulating policy
 for the public meeting on 30th
 November.

turday, 23rd November Zuzza-Bwoqqa 'Tile In' with Morrice Shaw 10.30.
Come along as early as you can and
add your design in tiles. Anyone
can do it! A Woolley Centre activity

dnesday, 27th November Play Reading
8 p.m. at Albert Renshaws place, Unit
14, Ellangowan, Mary Street. Come
and join in with "The Revenger's
Tragedy". If you have your own copy
of the play, please bring it.

turday, 30th November Public Meeting called by Glebe - Annandale AAP Working Party at Glebe Town Hall at 2 p.m.

Christmas music at St. Schefastica's College, 2 Avenue Road. The Sydney University Graduate Choir have consented to ease and sing for us. Also items by Morrice Shaw's string group.

turday, 7th December Christmas Party
See announcement elsewhere in this
Bulletin.

#### R NEXT YEAR

turday, 1st February Book this date with Kathy Pickles for the first Coffee Morning of 1975, at 10.30, 50 Toxteth Road.

#### EKLY

ndays, 9.00 a.m. Tennis at Pidcock Street, Camperdown Courts. Ring Max Solling (Wk: 2.0545 ext. 306 or home: 660.1160) if you would like to play.

nday Mornings 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Commencing 4th November:-

The crochet group is in recess for the Summer, but anyone interested is invited to start SCREEN PRINTING at the Woolley Centre. Kerrie Heavens will be instructing the class. All you need to bring is an apron.

If interested, please ring 660.1824

# MISCELLANY

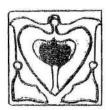
The weed killers used by Leichhardt Council to poison weeds growing on (and near) footpaths are, apparently -

Industrial Weedasol Total

Plus 50 Spreader

Brush Killer 50

They are certainly effective on weeds - and grass, and flowers, and trees...
Their effect on humans and animals remains to be seen.



It appears that Leichhardt Council controls the section of "Pyrmont Bridge Road" from Parramatta Road to Booth Street, and "Bridge Road" (same road) from Orphan School Creek to Wattle Street. Sydney City Council is responsible for the section of "Pyrmont Bridge Road" in front of the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children and from Wattle Street to the City.

Both Councils seem to agree that something should be done to clarify the street numbering and re-naming - but there's the rub. The City Council favours the use of the name "Pyrmont Bridge Road" for the complete thoroughfare, apparently because of the historical links with Pyrmont Bridge. However, the Leichhardt Council Engineer believes that the name "Bridge Road" would be less troublesome and more readily accepted.

The Youth Hostels Association now owns a fine house (in disrepair) at the corner of Ross Street and St. John's Road, and has asked the Society for its ideas on renovation.