

**The Glebe  
Society**

# **BULLETIN**

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## **SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Glebe Town Hall on Wednesday, 20th August. Points arising from convenors' reports were as follows:

**GARDENING REPORT** - it is good to see the existence of such a group in Glebe, and members would like to see more tree-planting carried out by the Council. It was suggested that residents should write personally to Leichhardt Council, suggesting suitable sites. The point was raised that trees help to combat air pollution.

**PLANNING** - Albert Renshaw suggested that a couple of meetings should be called annually to hear the general views of the Society. The D.M.R. plan to continue demolition in preparation for the expressway either in Fig Street or at a location in Glebe on September 17th. Members were urged to help in any necessary action.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - It is felt that the cost of producing the Bulletin is justified as a unifying and informative force. Owing to the postal increases, members, to whom the Bulletin is posted, will in future be asked to pay annual postage in addition to their subscription: Grateful acknowledgment was given to Bernard and Kate Smith for their generosity in donating the royalties from "The Architectural Character of The Glebe" to the Society.

Thanks were also conveyed to Albert Renshaw, for his work as Treasurer over many years, in addition to his other roles with the Bulletin and welcoming new members; to Albert and Kathy Mispel, who are moving from Glebe, for all their help especially in pioneering anti-expressway feeling; and to Alison and Ted McKeown for their very efficient editing of the Bulletin.

### **THE GLEBE ESTATE**

After the general business had been completed, David Young gave a short talk on the Glebe Estate.

Renovations had started on the Estate with roofs and fretwork being repaved and replaced. The most urgent necessity was to seal the buildings against the weather. It is planned to keep the original tenants, with people moving in with their neighbours temporarily whilst their homes are renovated.

The scheme includes 650 houses for existing and subsidised tenants, plans to build 291 new units and to accumulate 60 shops and warehouses for realistic commercial rental. For the Government to recoup their expenditure a return of \$700,000 a year is aimed for. The new units will be built on vacant land or in rear lanes, and will be designed as student hostels, houses and pensioner dwellings.

Street committees of 12 people meet for fortnightly meetings and go to the Project Office to discuss the renovations. The residents have become keen on the historical aspect and like to see picket fences, etc. replaced.

David told us that Bruce Mackenzie has been appointed as a landscape architect, and that 2 hectares of additional openspace would be obtained by street closures

# THE NEW GLEBE SOCIETY MANAGEMENT

## MEET THE MANAGEMENT

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### COMMITTEE

Dorothy Perkins  
Eric Sandblom  
Jan Potter  
Glynis Johns

### AUDITOR

Alan Robertson

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

### A Message from the President

The Management Committee of the Glebe Society for the coming year has a number of new faces on it as well as some, such as my own, which have been seen on the committee before, wearing other hats. This should augur well for an active year, with the new committee, I trust, bubbling over with enthusiasm and new ideas. Bubbles from other members of the Society will also float successfully too, I hope, since one of the strengths of the Glebe Society has always been the activities that have been generated by the efforts of individual members of the Society.

In general, I hope the Society will continue, in this, the seventh year of its existence, to work actively for the improvement of Glebe as an agreeable place in which to live - so we will be labouring still for better planning, opposition to expressways through the suburb, the preservation of Glebe as an architecturally interesting area of Sydney, the monitoring of and protest against environmental pollution, and the fostering of a friendly community feeling within the suburb.

I look forward to the support and help of all members of the Society in these aims.

Jeanette Knox

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### WEDNESDAY, 24th September - 8.00 p.m.

The playreading group will meet at the home of Francine Affleck, 27 Catherine Street, Forest Lodge, to read "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf". A suggested play for the future is "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. If you would like to read one of the many parts please contact Marion Jones on 660.4072.

### SATURDAY, 4th October. Come and be

sociable at Maureen and Adrian Coleman's 48 Boyce Street. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. for the pre-inflation price of 20 cents.

SATURDAY, 11th October. An afternoon visit to Hemphill's Herb Garden, Dural. Ring Jean or Theo Ahlston at 660.1083 for details.

LATE SEPTEMBER. Tony Larkum is in the process of organising a wine tasting of Saltram's red and white wines. Please ring Tony (660.7030) as soon as possible so he can order enough wine for everyone. Tony will contact all tasters when he has arranged the date.

# WOMEN'S ELECTORAL LOBBY

PRESS RELEASE

## WHEN IS LABOR POLICY NOT LABOR POLICY?

There appears to be some contradiction of policy between the Federal Labor Party members and Local Government Labor Party members; or at least that is the situation when comparing Leichhardt Municipal Council (where there are only two non-Labor aldermen) and the Federal Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, in a speech on the 11th September, 1974, for the inaugural meeting of the National Advisory Committee for International Women's Year, spoke of the initiative his government has taken to remove inequalities of opportunity and of status for women in Australia. In this speech Mr. Whitlam also pledged support and assistance for the celebration of International Women's Year.

The Federal Government has already demonstrated that it welcomes community advice and initiative which result in self-help type welfare projects. Publicity campaigns have been run and community action based programs such as the Australian Assistance Plan are being set up to let people know of the Government's policy in this field.

The aldermen of Leichhardt Municipal Council obviously do not adhere to such policies. On the 13th March, 1975 a letter was sent to the all-male Council for Leichhardt Municipality by the Women's Electoral Lobby Area Contact for the electorate of Sydney requesting a Women's Needs Committee be established by Council as their contribution to International Women's Year. In light of the fact that the Council is predominantly Labor and that other councils had taken steps to bring International Women's Year onto a local level, this did not seem an unreasonable request.

The Women's Electoral Lobby letter was before Council at its meeting on the 3rd April, 1975, where the matter was deferred for a report from the Council's Community Social Worker, Mrs. Marjorie Bull. On the 20th May the report from Marjorie Bull was considered by Council. This report was strongly in favour of Council establishing such a committee, pointing out the numerous benefits to the Municipality that could result as well as saying that the Federal Government has already demonstrated its willingness to provide assistance to programs resulting from such activities. Council's reaction to the report was merely to defer the matter to wait a second report from the Community Social Worker, Mr. Colin Spencer,

Before Council considered Marjorie Bull's second report a letter was sent to the Town Clerk by the new Women's Electoral Lobby Area Contact for Sydney electorate, Barbara Kernick. This letter expressed support for Marjorie Bull's recommendations as well as decrying Council's action in having a Children's Services Worker's opinion influencing a matter which in fact had very little, if anything at all, to do with him.

On the 17th June, 1975, the matter of a Women's Needs Committee was again before Council, Marjorie Bull's second report was but a reinforcement of her earlier support, Mr. Colin Spencer (the Children's Services Worker) "strongly backed up the view that the Municipality would benefit in many ways by action on the Council's part to establish such a committee", Mrs. Bull went on to say that Mr. Spencer "thoroughly supports the need for much greater initiative in the area and this initiative on the part of local women residents could open the door to many new opportunities."

And so, having read all this as well as listened to Barbara Kernick, the WEL area contact, who spoke to Council in favour of establishing the Committee, Alderman Casey moved that the matter be received and noted - in other words, filed and forgotten. Three months had elapsed before this decision was made and then it was in direct conflict with recommendations made by Council employees. These employees, Mrs. Bull and Mr. Spencer, were requested to give their opinions on the matter: one would think this was because Council believed that their field of work would give them some authority to report on the subject. But then why was no notice taken of their recommendations?

No reason was given for Council voting in favour (Alderman Origlass being the only one against the motion) of the "RECEIVE AND NOTE" motion - only comment was from Alderman Casey "I am very sympathetic to women. I am married to one. I like them ..."

(Courtesy of Barbara Kernick of WEL, and a member of the Glebe Society.)

## MISCELLANY

Glebe Community Care Centre urgently needs drivers, with a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to take old people to the centre at 9.00 a.m. and collect at midday. Amongst other activities, these are the people who fold and envelope the Bulletin. If you can help with transport please contact Colleen Bourke on 660.5455.

The Adventure Playground Association of N.S.W. was formed recently to promote and assist in establishing playgrounds. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 8.00 p.m. at the N.S.W. Environment Centre, 263B The Broadway, Glebe. Everyone is very welcome to attend the meetings, which are often preceeded by films, slides or talks.

■ Parents and Citizen's meetings at Forest Lodge School are held once a month and all are invited to attend. After general business, guest speakers or school discussions are programmed for either 8.00 p.m. or 8.30 p.m. School matters are discussed but speaker's topics cover a wide range of educational matters. For further information phone Peter Pockley on 660.6363.

■ Magna Carta recorded:-

"...no free man shall be seized or imprisoned or stripped of his rights of possession and no tax shall be imposed to be so great as to cause the owners of a home or business to sell it in order to pay such taxes."

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### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Martin Curtis  
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rochelli  
Gordon Heaslip  
David Clark  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Hammett  
Glynis Johns  
Ken Burgin  
Paul Markey  
Ada Stokes  
Rory McLeod



### QUILL TO PARCHMENT

If you know of anything that may be of interest to readers of the Bulletin, please contact the editor, Joey Rowden at 4 Leichhardt Avenue; phone 660.5704.

### ERRATUM

In the last Bulletin, Leichhardt Council's Child Care Worker was incorrectly referred to as Colin Simpson. Colin's surname is Spencer, and the new editor apologises for the error, which she attributes to teething problems.