

The Glebe
Society

BULLETIN

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THE SOLLING LECTURES

WHAT THE MANAGEMENT DID

THE GLEBE SOCIETY

presents

A Lecture Series on the History of Glebe
and its Neighbourhood, by Mr. Max Solling.
June - July, 1977.

The lectures will be given at Forest
Lodge State School at 7.30 p.m. on the
following Wednesdays, and will be illus-
trated by slides.

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| June 1 | Local History and its
approaches. |
| June 8 | Estate Development: Housing
and the Community. |
| June 15 | Leisure and Cultural Activities. |
| June 22 | The Bond of Religion. |
| June 29 | The Framework of Local Govern-
ment: Local Elected Representa-
tives and the Politics of
Suburbia. |
| July 6 | Transport, Communications and
Earning a Living. |
| July 13 | Education, Social Welfare and
Living Conditions. |

Visitors Welcome.

1. Publicity has been drawn to the State of Venetia and the Lands Commission is being lobbied to acquire Parkes Property on Glebe Point East.
2. We are seeking re-assurance from Pat Hills on the placement of a high school on the Hudsons' site.
3. Planning for this years House Inspection has begun.
4. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Bulletin publication and dis-tribution.
5. The Society is participating in a survey being made by the Nature Conservation Council.
6. The birthday party in June will also be a farewell party for Kate and Bernard Smith.
7. We will congratulate Ivor Cawley on his elevation to the Wentworth Park Trust.
8. We are protesting to the Council about containers wreaking havoc in Avon and Forsythe Streets and Ferry Road.

MEET THE MANAGEMENT

TED MCKEOWN

Ted grew up in Kings Cross in its not-so-sleazy days.

He served his primary school time at one of Sydney's last dame-schools, where syllabus included Latin and French, a little mathematics and very little else - thus fitting him for his life of crime as Glebe Society Treasurer. Out into the tough world of city schoolboy which he survived, then Sydney University Arts and Law and Sydney University Regiment - based in Hereford Street for a few years.

He worked for some time at that well-known firm whose founder built Toxteth Park (no prizes for names) and also spent three months working in Port Moresby.

In 1968 he had the good fortune to meet a young lady of "Cockroach Manor", Glebe Point Road. He courted her in an unusual way; suddenly dodging behind parked cars in the main street to avoid an eccentric client!

A previous Glebe Society president and secretary "invited" Ted and wife to come to Glebe to live, which they did in 1972 - an exciting year of anti-inner-urban radial expressway marches for residents.

Ted took on the Glebe Society Bulletin for about a year and then the treasurer's position, both of which he enjoyed.

He has improved his techniques with house renovation but, alas, hasn't managed to finish the job yet.

Occasionally Ted walks to work in the city from Forest Lodge - but since bus fares have been lowered the temptation to ride often proves too much! His current hobby is telling his creditors that "life wasn't meant to be easy."

A. MCK.

EXPRESSWAYS



"Arthur supports the roads lobby. He says, where will future generations be without proper zippers to tie in?"

THE FIRST NAIL IN THE COFFIN

The Department of Main Roads wrote to Leichhardt Council on 30.3.77 advising them that the reservation for the proposed western freeway was not now required and that as far as the Department was concerned the land could be re-zoned.

Council at its meeting on 3.5.77 decided that the reservation should be removed from the 1976 Leichhardt Planning Scheme and that the zonings on either side of the expressway corridor should apply in lieu. Hundreds of houses which have remained under a planning blight for 23 years have thus been released.

This is a major move forward to more rational transport and land use policies, but the State Government has yet to act on its promise to eliminate planned inner urban expressways by instructing the DMR to relinquish the corridors for the North-Western Expressway and Johnsons Creek Expressway, both of which pass through Leichhardt Municipality. The zoning should be re-scheduled without further delay by the State Government and DMR.

A. G. M.

Notice is hereby given of the Society's intention to submit a resolution at the next Annual General Meeting to make provision for the naming of life members of the Society.

GARDENING

GARDENING EVENTS

As most members know we are affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society of N.S.W. and with the Garden Club of Australia and our gardening group has had pleasant associations with these bodies.

It may be of interest to note some of the more important events of these organisations during the current year.

The Horticultural Society is holding a field day on Wednesday, 1st June, in the Scots Room, Ground Floor, Scots Church Building, York and Margaret Streets from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. There will be a non-competitive floral art display in which we are invited to participate, and other items of interest. Cups of tea will be provided and visitors may like to bring a cut lunch. Admission is free.

The Garden Club is holding its 6th Convention at the Hotel Florida on September 13, 14 and 15. Apart from the annual general meeting and visits to local gardens, there will be coach and ferry trips to places of interest. There are several motels at which visitors may stay and it would be advisable to make an early reservation as a big turnout is expected.

The Garden Club also is arranging a day visit by coach to Bowral on Tuesday, 11th October. This follows the end of the renowned Tulip Festival which attracts visitors from all over Australia and abroad.

Anyone interested in the above events should contact the undersigned at 58 Toxteth Road or on 660.1083.

Theo Ahlston

GARDENING

A number of the gardening members of the Society discussed, early in May, what kind of activities they would like to see the Society organise for gardeners. It was agreed:

1. That the Glebe Society should continue to have a gardening group, because it was still important for the Society to have a policy about gardens, parks, and trees, and there was still a lot of work to be done in trying to change some people's views about the need for and desirability of trees and gardens. One suggestion was that we should endeavour to influence school children and that maybe some classes from the local schools might visit a local garden and discuss how and why it was laid out in the way it was.
2. That gardeners were already well catered for as regards advice on gardening problems, and advertising of local garden inspections by the press and radio, and that we would not look to be duplicating these efforts. Theo Ahlston, as our corresponding secretary, will publicise events arranged by the Garden Club of Australia and the Royal Horticultural Society in our Bulletin.
3. That, to keep in touch, the gardening group have two major meetings a year, one during the winter as a general get together, one evening for discussion maybe slides, and an 'Exchange Table' for cuttings, seedlings, etc. The second one might be a joint visit, in the spring, to gardens either locally or outside Glebe.

The gardeners wanted to continue to keep in contact with groups such as the Paddington gardeners, too, and perhaps some social visits, as well as the winter get together, might be arranged in conjunction with the Social Activities Group. The gardening group would also liaise with any group in the Society concerned with environmental questions.

Sally and Bill Nelson have kindly agreed to hold the winter meeting at their home, 21 Alexandra Road, on Friday, 15th July, 7.30 p.m. More details later, but do note the date, all gardeners of Glebe.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 21st May. 12.30 p.m.

Will all those coming to the grill luncheon at Glebe Rowing Club on 21st May please contact Dorothy Perkins on 660.7623. Price \$2.00 approximately.

Saturday, 4th June. Morning coffee at the Broughton Street, Kindergarten. (Broughton Street lies between Bridge Road and Darling Street and is bounded by Railway Street and St. John's Road. The Kindergarten is towards the Railway Street end). Bring a chair if you would like to sit down!

Tuesday, 7th June. 8 p.m. The next play-reading will be held at Fran Affleck's, 'Volta', 2 Alexandra Lane. Bring a copy of George Bernard Shaw's Captain Brassbound's Conversion if possible. (One of his 'Three plays for Puritans'). See you there.

Monday, 20th June. The Monday Group have changed the date of their next meeting from 13th June owing to the Public Holiday. This meeting will be held at Pat Moore's, 12 Alexandra Road at 2.30 p.m. The group are at present doing crochet work for "Elsie". Anyone who would like to help in this work, but who is unable to join the afternoon meetings should contact Marion Harris on 660.6229 for further details.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth BREWSTER-JONES
Richard MORRISON
Vincent ROSS
Rachel WALKER
Stephen COX
Therese MACKIE
Mr. and Mrs. B. REDWOOD
Murray GOOT
Nina and Peter SAUNDERS
Miriam and Neville BURKETT
R. PARKER
A. HERFIELD
Rosa SALADINO
Stephen ROSENMAN
Mr. and Mrs. W. ANNIS-BROWN
Mr. and Mrs. G. MARSHALL
Elin HOWE
L. D. CHIRGWIN

Saturday, 25th June.

The Birthday Party this year will be held at Dennis McManus' house, 133 St. John's Road (opposite the Glebe Town Hall). Dennis, along with Kate and Bernard Smith and five others, was one of the founding members of the Society, and since we hope that the Birthday Party this year will give Kate and Bernard's many friends in the Society an opportunity to wish them well in their (undoubtedly active) retirement in Melbourne, it seemed appropriate to this year's party at his home. May we extend a special invitation to 'original' members of the Society to join us this year. More details of arrangements (quite informal, Kate and Bernard, we assure you later, but do keep the date free. Enquire from Dennis (660.0064) or Kathy Pickles (660.4924).

Monday, 11th July. Monday Group meeting at Gwen Knox's, 26 Victoria Road.

10th August. The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at Glebe Town Hall.

THE SOLLING LECTURE SERIES

Please note that these will now start on Wednesday, 1st June at 7.30 instead of Wednesday, 25th May.

BULLETIN

Joey Rowden has tendered her resignation as Editor of the Bulletin, and the June issue will be her last. David Reeve has happily elected to take on this task. The Bulletin is the unifying force of the Society, and in its ten-issues a year tries to keep members informed. To collect, edit and set-up copy is the Editor's job, but he or she relies on many others to get the Bulletin to and from the Printers, to fold and envelope it and finally deliver it. Many hands make light work and at this time of the year when the committee is changing, we would be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to give a hand on a regular basis. Contact Jim Coombs on 660.0026 if you would like to become involved.