



## LEAD IN PETROL

An action meeting on lead in petrol was held at Glebe Town Hall on Sunday 5 August. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the latest on lead in petrol and to organise a large number of letters to the following politicians :

- Hon. N.K.Wran, QC, MP, Premier of NSW
- Hon. K.J. Stewart, MP, Minister for Health
- Hon. P.H. Hills, MLA, Minister for Energy.

Rumour has it that the lead question will be decided at the re-opening of the NSW State Parliament on 14 August.

Letters should therefore demand the elimination of lead from petrol, especially in the light of recent medical research.

The letters will be presented in a public demonstration at Parliament House on 14 August. Please drop your letters in to Ross Hindmarsh at 58 Boyce Street, Glebe.

Eric Gidney  
Environment Convenor.

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## AIRCRAFT NOISE

It seems that the flightpath to Mascot is being widened as a type of 'softening-up' exercise. If you wish to complain officially about low-flying aircraft over Glebe, ring Mascot Airport at 667-0544 during normal office hours and ask for Aircraft Noise Complaints. The after-hours number is 667-9981 (weekends and evenings). These numbers are on page 33 of the telephone directory. The least we can do about the noise is to lodge a telephone objection, which is quite easy to do.

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## A.G.M.

The Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the lower part of the Glebe Town Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 August.

All members are urged to attend, particularly new members. Some effort has been put into making the evening pleasant and having a minimum of formalities. We are ensuring sufficient heating, and the official business will involve the reception of those reports not printed in this Bulletin and elections for management committee positions for which no nominations have yet been received. Please come along and be nominated if you would like to help out.

In order to celebrate the tenth AGM, local history convenor Max Solling (half historian, half wit) will give some pungent observations on Glebe history. We are fortunate that Clive Lucas, council member of the National Trust and a noted restoration architect, has accepted our invitation to attend. He will be making some remarks on the restoration of historic buildings of note, with particular reference to the restoration of Lyndhurst. There will then be general discussion over much wine and supper.

### Nominations received :

- President : Tony Larkum, lecturer (proposed by Eric Sandblom and John Hoddinott)
- Secretary : John Hoddinott, Systems Analyst, (Bruce Viles and Doug Grice)
- Treasurer : Mike Reynolds, Chartered Accountant, (Alan Robertson and David Reeve).

The above nominations will be declared elected at the AGM and nominations for the remaining positions will be accepted from the meeting.

See you there !

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## THE GLEBE SOCIETY

### Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th June 1979

<u>INCOME :</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE :</u>	
Subscriptions - Household	\$573.00	Donations, subscriptions etc. -	
Individual	294.00	Standing subscriptions	\$ 62.70
Pensioner	13.50	Tranby Coop. College	70.00
Student	3.00	C'ty Health Action Group	25.00
Postage	<u>59.00</u>	Glebe Community Centre	10.00
	\$ 942.50	Action for Public Transport	40.00
Bank Interest	92.65	Leichhardt Historical Society	100.00
Misc. Income ( donations etc. )	46.60	Misc. Donations	<u>64.70</u>
Proceeds from Christmas Party	302.00		\$ 372.40
Proceeds from Birthday Party	138.00	General Society Expenses	173.85
Proceeds from Greeting Cards Sales	29.65	"Glebe Day" Pamphlets	69.00
Proceeds from Book Sales	74.00	Printing and Stationery	148.91
Proceeds from Pamphlet Sales	68.00	Bulletin costs	366.69
Proceeds from Wine Bottling	81.45	Postage	158.45
Proceeds from Guy Fawkes night	<u>125.28</u>	Christmas Party costs	285.34
Total Income	\$ 1900.13	AGM 1978	11.65
<u>Less</u> : Expenditure	<u>2732.04</u>	Birthday Party costs	216.15
Debit for year deducted from	\$ 831.91DB	Waterfront and Town Plan costs	929.60
accumulated funds		Total Expenditure	<u>\$ 2732.04</u>

Accumulated funds at 1st July 1978	\$ 1428.54
<u>Less</u> : Debit for year	831.91
	<u>596.63</u>

Represented by : NSW Permanent Building Society Account :	\$ 411.00
CBC Savings Bank Cheque Account :	185.63
	<u>\$ 596.63</u>

*John R. Hoddinott*  
 John Hoddinott  
 (Hon. Treasurer)

In my opinion, the above Statement of Income and Expenditure is in accordance with the books of account and reflects the transactions of the Glebe Society during the year ended 30 June 1979 in a true and fair manner.

*Michael J. Reynolds*  
 Michael Reynolds  
 (Hon. Auditor).

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Planning, Parks, Progress :

In this, the 10th anniversary of the Society, it is fitting that it was a year of great activity culminating in the campaign against the Leichhardt Planning Scheme.

It started with the Blackwattle Bay Park campaign, led by Eric Gidney, which gained a 15% increase in area of the proposed park and a decrease in the number of home units. (The area was re-zoned from waterfront industrial to open space and residential in 1973-74 by an Interim Development Order, but the owner, Parkes, went into Receivership shortly after).

Alan Robertson became Planning Convenor late in 1978 and, working with the 4-Shores Committee, prepared a comprehensive submission on foreshore parklands for Glebe. Most households received a summary of the proposal and talks began early in July with Deputy Premier Jack Ferguson.

Next came the Society's submission opposing the Balmain Coal Loader, ably prepared by Tony Larkum, the Senior Vice-President. This submission strongly emphasised the harmful effects on Glebe, which officialdom had tended to ignore.

Following this, the Planning Group, led by Alan Robertson, formulated a massive campaign against the Leichhardt Planning Scheme, which involved a large number of members in door-knocking and letter-boxing. The Glebe campaign methods were largely adopted by other resident groups in Leichhardt through the Leichhardt Planning Forum.

Of course, the action on parks and planning is not over by any means and the coming year should be just as busy, particularly with the proposed tripartite committee of residents,

Leichhardt Council and the Planning and Environment Commission being set up by the Minister, Paul Landa, to try to resolve objections.

All this activity has brought about a large increase in membership to the extent that the Society should achieve 500 members by the AGM. The Treasurer, John Hoddinott, deserves thanks for the way he has coped.

Outstanding work has also been performed by Betty Wright, the Secretary, and by David Reeve, editor of the Society's Bulletin. Both intend to relinquish their positions at the AGM, although Betty has volunteered to take over the long vacant position of Social Activities Convenor. Thanks are also due to the people who organise the continuing activities such as the Monday Group, the coffee mornings and the history activities. Pat Moore, Merle Larcombe, Nan Waterford and Max Solling have devoted much effort to these activities.

There are many others deserving of mention and there is no doubt that the standing and respect of the Society as a responsible, representative organisation continues to be enhanced by their work.

I will not be standing for another term at the AGM and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make this 10th anniversary year so exciting and productive.

Eric Sandblom  
President 1978-79

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## FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 13 August : The Monday Group :

A change of plans for this Monday - the group is planning to go into town to see an exhibition of paintings. The group will leave around mid-day, taking lunch for a picnic in the park. All welcome - for details please ring Vi Hicks on 660-3694.

### Thursday 16 August : Annual General Meeting :

At Glebe Town Hall at 7.30pm - with heating, short formal business and talks from Clive Lucas and Max Solling - then general discussions over wine and supper - Free.

### Monday 20 August : Drinks at the Rowing Club

Come along to the Rowing Club at the end of Ferry Road, from 6pm, for a social drink with the new Committee. Ideas and plans for what the new Committee should be doing will be most welcome.

### Sunday 2 September : Wine and Coffee Morning :

All welcome for a cup of coffee and wine from 10.30am to 12.30, at Betty Wright's, 120 Bridge Rd.

### Sunday 9 September : Cleanup at Blackwattle Bay

The Blackwattle Bay park needs attention, clearing the undergrowth and more planting of trees and shrubs. Come along for a working bee from 10am with some gardening tools - and food for a barbecue from about 1pm.

### Monday 10 September : The Monday Group :

Tentative date for the next activity - to be confirmed in the next Bulletin. For enquiries ring Vi Hicks on 660-3694.

### Sunday 28 October : House and Garden Inspection

Alan Robertson is coordinating arrangements for this year's house inspection. Please ring him on 660-6149 if you would like to volunteer your house, or to help out on the day.

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# ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Environment issues were attacked by a number of people this year. Hilary Hewitt and the Glebe Action Group led action on the unacceptable development of Bidura, which seems to have achieved important concessions. Tony Larkum kept up pressure on the bad effects of the proposed upgrading of the Balmain Coal Loader. Several residents coordinated action on aspects of noise and air pollution.

As far as my side of the environment question is concerned, I see the Blackwattle Bay Park action, the solution of the Bird and Lucas foundry question, and the developing campaign on lead in petrol as the three major events of the year. The compromise that seems to have been achieved on the Blackwattle Bay Park will mean the acquisition of an important waterside park and a reduction of the number of flats on the part of the site to be developed. The Glebe Society gave support on this issue to the Waterfront Action Group, the Building Trades Group and the Glebe North branch of the Labor Party. Alan Robertson has developed the Society's ideas into a very comprehensive plan for foreshore parklands for Glebe. Hilary Hewitt and Ingrid Mather are developing a landscape proposal for the park, which should become the basis of a community project in a few weeks time.

After much toing and froing on the Bird and Lucas foundry pollution, the unacceptable solution of a 120 foot chimney has been set aside and the management of the foundry have advised Mr Hills that the foundry will be relocated by December 1980. The lead in petrol campaign is developing as the Bulletin goes to press. Another article in this issue suggests the action you should take in the next few days.

Eric Gidney,  
Environment Convenor.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to :

Werner and Monika MEHRBERGER  
Mrs Rita SPIERMAN  
James HANRATTY  
Arthur SQUILLARI  
Beverley DOYLE  
Miss J. DIVEN  
Miss M. DIVEN  
Stuart and Helen REED  
Mr R. CARROLL  
Mark ANDERSON

## Membership :

At the time of going to press, the memberships stands at about 480. This figure is based on two people per household membership, with other membership classifications representing one person each.

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION GROUP :

Here is a summary of events since Bulletin no 4, 1979. The Community Health petition to the Federal Government, with 1,199 signatures was handed over to Mr McMahon outside the Glebe Community Care Centre on 28.5.79. He was invited into the Centre for discussion - which continued at a second meeting at Glebe Town Hall. The State petition, (1,104 signatures) was handed to Mr Hills' representative for presentation to Mr. K. Stewart, Health Minister. The Community Health Action Group met Mr Hills on 11.7.79 to discuss the staff and funds cutbacks.

Mr Stewart, State Health Minister, wrote to advise that there would be no further staff cuts this financial year, but he warns that Federal cuts to the Hospital Cost Sharing Agreement next year may adversely affect Community Health services.

Mr Hunt, Federal Health Minister, wrote that his Government will continue to support less costly, non-institutionalised services and preventative health programmes to the tune of \$50 million in Australia in 1979/80, thus maintaining services at current levels of activity. We point out that the levels to be maintained for this year may not be high enough to give scope to innovative and preventative programmes.

Our Glebe Community Care Centre did not lose staff in the 20% cutbacks last year but the threat was real. Hopefully staff will not be lost through loopholes - some staff are funded by Prince Alfred Hospital ! The Centre's running expenditure was reduced to \$2,000 this year. Mr Hills also sounded out the Action Group for reactions to the possible closing of the Homeopathic Hospital.

The Governments are making supporting statements now, in contrast to their 'let it slide attitude' earlier this year. The public protest was a valuable demonstration of support for the service; Mr McMahon received over 150 letters from his electorate.

Thank you everyone for your help in what has been achieved. The Glebe Society's donation of \$25 is gratefully acknowledged.

Alison McKeown,  
now ex-Convenor.

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