

# THE GLEBE SOCIETY BULLETIN

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## MERRY XMAS TO ALL

The Bulletin is late this month, partly because everyone has been flat to the boards, and partly this is the last Bulletin until February, we thought it would be better to have a later edition to bring you the news of the social events nearer to Xmas.

You will see that there are two coffee mornings listed, one in November and one in December. Also drinks at the Rowing Club in January, so read "For Your Diary" carefully and don't throw it away.

See you at the Xmas Party in December. Book early.

Merlyn Larcombe

## OPEN COUNCIL AGAIN

The newly elected Leichhardt Council has got off to a cracking pace with a number of new initiatives. The Glebe Society congratulates the Council on its activities so far and hopes that it can sustain the energy and enthusiasm with which it has set out. One of its first moves was to bring in a height limit of two floors for all new developments in the Municipality.

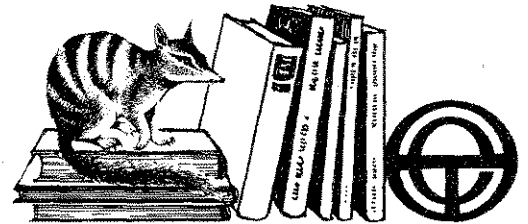
On Friday, 31st October, the Sydney Morning Herald ran an article on the new councils in Sydney and stated that the Leichhardt Council looked like being the most progressive of them all. The old barriers have been taken down; there is genuine public participation at all council meetings. But not only that, there is the possibility for public participation in all Council Committees; and the old caucus system, where decisions were made by the ruling labor caucus behind closed doors, is said to be a thing of the past.

However, if such a system is to work there must be an active response from the public AND THIS MEANS YOU. Everyone now has a chance to have their say. But also, we have a responsibility to exercise that right.

Council has set up a number of committees - on the Town Plan, on parks, on community care and child care. These are issues that affect most of us and we should all try to get along to as many meetings as possible. The Parks Committee meets every Thursday fortnight at 7.30 p.m. (Leichhardt Town Hall - next meeting, 21st Nov.) The community care committee meets on Mondays every two weeks (next meeting, 17th Nov.).

So try to get along to Council Meetings - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at 8 p.m.), Committee meetings, etc. and LET'S MAKE THE SYSTEM START TO WORK.

Tony Larkum



## BOOK FAIR

at

TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE  
3rd Floor, Argyle Arts Centre  
18 Argyle Street, Sydney

Annual display and sale of books and posters on the environment, wildlife, energy and conservation.

23 November to 31 January

Weekdays 10am to 5.30pm; Sat, Sun 12 noon to 5pm

Total Environment Centre is a voluntary organisation and this is its major fund raising activity.

*Buy a book and help the environment.*

## BOOKS FOR SALE

If you are thinking of a Christmas present, bear in mind the following -

IAN EVANS - "RESTORING OLD HOUSES" \$16.95

BERNARD & KATE SMITH'S - "THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER OF GLEBE" (Only a few left) \$8.00

"NATIVE PLANTS OF INNER WESTERN SYDNEY" (Written by MATTHEW DICK of the N.S.W. P.E.C. and sponsored by the Leichhardt Association). \$2.50

JOHN GEROFI'S - "BETTER TRANSPORT (PUBLIC) IN SYDNEY'S INNER WESTERN & SOUTH-EASTERN SUBURBS" \$3.50

LYNDHURST GREETING CARDS (incl.envel.) 15c.  
This features a line-drawing of Lyndhurst, ea.  
as on our mast head, and is suitable for use at any time of the year. An attractive and cheap Christmas card.

All orders to John Hoddinott, 692-0071

HURRY WITH YOUR BOOKING ....

----- CUT HERE AND RETURN -----

To The Glebe Society, P.O. Box 100, Glebe, 2037

Please reserve the following tickets for the Great Train Ride :

Tickets : Individual	@	\$4.00	
Family	@	\$10.00	(includes 2 adults & 2 children Children not occupying seats are free).
Children	@	\$2.00	
Pensioner/Student	@	\$3.00	

"Better Public Transport in Sydney" copy/ies @ \$3.50 .....+ postage 50c.  
if outside Glebe.

Name :

Address :

Tel. No. :

If you live outside the 2037 postcode area, include an s.a.e. please.

Please find cheque/money order/cash for \$ enclosed.

Send to the above address or leave with any Glebe Society Committee member as listed in the Bulletin.

#### THE GREAT TRAIN RIDE

The Glebe Society has sponsored the publication of an important monograph "Better Public Transport in Sydney's Inner Western and South-Eastern Suburbs". It was written by consulting engineer and Glebe Society member, Dr. John Geroffi.

John's proposal is for the building of a Light Rail Transit system, running west from the Opera House, through the Haymarket, Ultimo, Glebe, Lilyfield (with a branch line to Rozelle and Balmain), Leichhardt, Haberfield, Five Dock and terminating in Abbotsford. The Glebe station would be at Harold Park.

The south-eastern line would run from the Opera House, with two stations in Hyde Park, Taylor's Square down Anzac Parade to Kensington (branch line to Coogee), U.N.S.W., Kingsford, Maroubra Junction, (branch line to Maroubra beach, Chifley, terminating at La Perouse.

The monograph's summary is included in a reduced fashion below.

To help publicise the Light Rail proposal, the Second Great Train Ride is to be held on Saturday, 29th November, leaving Redfern Station at 11 a.m. As we expect that it will be booked out quickly, we advise Society members to reserve a place as soon as possible. You should already have received a pamphlet in your letterbox, but if not send us your booking on a piece of paper, as below. Include name, address and telephone number.

Light Rail, in spite of the illustration at the head of this article, should not be confused with old fashioned "toast-rack" trams, fondly remembered by Sydneysiders. It is a modern method of transport, fast, frequent, safe and relatively cheap to implement. It is growing in favour in most of Europe; it is being reinstated or upgraded in two Australian cities (Melbourne and Adelaide)



The Train Ride will cover some of the track suggested for use in the LRT system. The trip's duration is about one hour, and details of the route covered will be supplied either on the day, or with the ticket itself.

The Management Committee asks that you give us your help for this ambitious project. Many of us have put in much time and effort for its fruition. You can support the idea in any or all of three ways:

1. By booking a place on the Great Train Ride.
2. By buying a copy of the monograph.
3. By sending a letter to the State Government supporting the LRT system.

The Glebe Society thanks John Gerofi for his work in preparing the monograph. Dozens of copies have been sent to the media, State and Local Government, and to Resident Action Groups. The response has been positive, and the publicity is now designed to concentrate around the Great Train Ride.

BOOK EARLY FOR YOUR PLACE

#### SUMMARY OF MONOGRAPH

The proposal is designed to improve radial public transport in the Inner Western and South Eastern suburbs of Sydney. It is being put forward at a time when public and government awareness of the need for fast modern public transport is increasing. An integrated system of buses and Light Rail Transit (LRT) is recommended. LRT is a modern, fast electric system which is capable of operating both on exclusive right of way and on the streets. It combines some of the accessibility and flexibility of a bus service with the speed and comfort of a modern train, and is being adopted in many European and American cities.

The proposal consists of using existing unused or underused rights of way to provide links between the city, Haymarket and Ultimo areas.

The total cost for the Western system would be about \$82 million. The publication indicates ways of keeping down to a minimum any obstruction.

The advantages of LRT over conventional railways are explained in Section 7, by analysis of a particular case - the Eastern Suburbs railway. At the same time, reasons why trolley buses are not proposed, are noted.

Because the system uses roads and other existing corridors, the amount of property resumption required to implement the system is minimal.

John Hoddinott

#### Pesticides, Herbicides and You - Are you being Poisoned?

A meeting on this topic, jointly organised by the Glebe Society, The Annandale Association and the Toxic and Hazardous Chemicals Committee, was held at Glebe Town Hall on 21st October, 1980.

A small, but highly motivated audience of fifty people heard the views of four experts and then had the opportunity to question the speakers.

Dr. George Nossar, a medical practitioner, analysed the evidence available and concluded that 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D (or more particularly their dioxin impurities must be suspected of carcinogenicity and certainly endanger pregnant women and newly born infants.

Mr. Cary Adams, representing the Society of Vietnam War Veterans, discussed the effects of "Agent Orange" - (a mixture of 2,4,5-T and 2,4,-D containing high levels of dioxin impurities) on returned soldiers. The effects ranged from mystery rashes to unusual psychological disorders. To prove the Army's new-found concern about herbicides, he produced an Army document (Order No. 133) which contained a comprehensive list of herbicides which contain 2,4,5,-T or 2,4,-D, and the clear directive "...2,4,5,-T herbicides are not to be used on Army controlled property or by army personnel without Department of Defence approval, and that there is to be no aerial spraying of 2,4-D on Army controlled property".

Brian Flowers, Communication Manager for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Association put the Industry's case. He questioned what alternatives there were to the herbicides and pesticides. He argued that without these chemicals, agricultural products would rocket in price beyond the reach of the ordinary person.

Dr. John Pollack, Reader in Histology and Embryology at Sydney University explored the alternatives to herbicides and pesticides and went on further to question why compounds such as Chlordane, Heptachlor, Dieldrin and Aldrin which are banned or severely restricted from sale overseas are readily available here.

When space permits we'll follow up this topic in the Bulletin. However, in the meantime I'd like to quote the warnings on two pesticides I found in my own meagre gardening supplies. The emphases are mine, but I'd like you to consider the implications.

1. Lane's Chlordane - Household and Garden Insecticide -

"Notice. Buyer assumes all risk of use and handling whether or not the product is used in accordance with directions given".

2. Rite-Gro Malathion 50

"Warning. Subject to any statutory provisions, Consolidated Fertilizer Sales Pty. Ltd. and Rite-Gro Pty. Ltd. will not be responsible for any injury or any other result following the use of this product, whether used in accordance with the directions or not".

John Buckingham

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## For your diary

Sunday, 16th November, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coffee and Wine Morning, at Andrea and Alan Robertson's, 148 Hereford St. All welcome.

Monday, 17th November

Monday Group will hold their final meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. Pat Moore, Alexandra Road.

The Group had a very pleasant trip to the Zoo; all were impressed at the recent improvements and alterations which have taken place.

We welcome new members for 1981 - Enquiries, ring 660-3694.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Collins  
Judith McDonald  
Liz Hardy  
B.E. Dickens  
Steven Christian  
Jean & Dirk Slotboom  
Frank Chesworth  
Guiseppe & Alida de Carlo  
John & Bronwyn Myrtle  
Margaret & John Blake  
Carol Powell

Monday, 8th December, 7.30 p.m.

Glebe Society Christmas Party at the Glebe Rowing Club, 7 p.m. Tickets \$5.50 (Pensioners \$3.50) See the brochure included with this Bulletin. New members are especially encouraged.

Sunday, 14th December, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wine and Coffee Morning, at Nan and John Waterford, 14 Alexandra Road.

Monday, 19th January - 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Drinks at the Rowing Club - Come along and join the Committee.

23rd November to 31st January

Book Fair at Total Environment Centre, 18 Argyle St Sydney. (For further details see article in this Bulletin)

Saturday, 15th November, at 8.15 p.m.

World Premiere Opening of a Play - "And I Still Home Australia", by Peter Stephens and Foveaux Kirby, at the New Theatre, 542 King St. Newtown, and showing Fridays and Saturdays at 8.15 p.m. Sundays at 5.30 p.m. Season strictly limited.

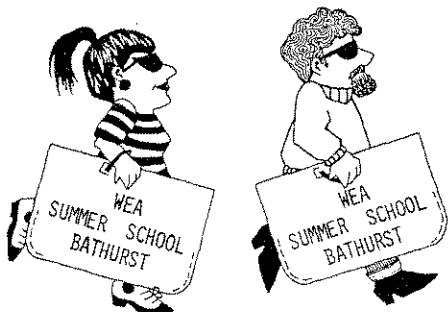
For further information phone 519-3403.

Saturday, 29th November, departing 11 a.m.

The Great Train Ride, from Redfern Station. See separate article. Bookings necessary to ensure a place.

17th to 28th November

Veronica Walker will present a small collection of her oil paintings in the Commonwealth Bank, Glebe Point Road.



10th to 17th January, 1981

W.E.A. Summer School at Bathurst. Lots of courses offered including Acting and Singing. Also Historical Archaeology.

For further information phone Maureen Coleman at the Workers' Educational Assn. of N.S.W., 72 Bathurst St., Sydney.